



# Raglan Area School

## TE KURA A ROHE O WHAINGAROA

Kia ora whanau, greetings to all,

With special thanks to Family Works and their financial support, and to Rachel Allan of Te Uku School, the recent parent evening with Margaret Thorsborne was a great success. Over 50 parents attended. This was so successful that we are planning a repeat. Margaret's theme of creating peaceful families was delivered with good humour and energy, and a focus on practical way of developing relationships.

The Education Review Officer (ERO) have advised that they will join us in Week One of Term Two. We are looking forward to the opportunity to share our school with them and work with them to affirm our future direction. They will wish to speak with staff and students and will provide opportunities for, and welcome, parent input.

This week I met with the Correspondence School Community Liaison Team as a consequence of the school's, and some parent's concerns, around the establishment of new courses and the time it took to receive the first booklets. Importantly we were able to negotiate a fast track system for Area Schools that will remove the disadvantage of a tardy start. I have been asked to continue in a representative role on behalf of Area Schools.

Wind Farm Tickets. It is a good time to remind you that tickets for the Wind Farm Open Day Tour are now available from the school office. All ticket sales are open to our community prior to being available to the wider public and at \$5 each, are a reasonable cost to visit the wind farm. This will be the only opportunity for most people to be able to visit. Proceeds from all ticket sales are to be divided evenly between the four schools (Te Mata, Te Uku, Waitetuna and Raglan).

We are very excited to receive materials and frames from Thompsons Timber at a very reasonable cost in support of the development of the nursery area for the peninsular restoration project. This area will include an implement shed, potting shed, shade house, and 'hardening-off' areas for students to propagate native plants for planting on the coastal fringe. If you are interested in being part of the peninsular restoration project then please contact me at the kura (school).

Kind Regards  
Malcolm Cox

**Attendance Data:** Our goal, as a school, is for 90% attendance. Last week the full school was at 87.2%. Year 2,3,6 and 8 were better than 90%. Well Done!!!

## Curriculum Update

Last week during our Teacher Only Days we were really lucky to work with Lester Flockton. Lester was closely involved in the writing of the current New Zealand Curriculum and his focus with us was to review the work we've done in the past two years and help us plan ahead for our next phase of curriculum implementation. When he was with us he discussed the "big picture" that we all need to carry in our head (cognitive portability) to maximise every learning opportunity with students.

If you 'google' Lester you'll find him discussing the major phases in the design and review of a school's curriculum so it is consistent with *The New Zealand Curriculum* and suited to the needs and aspirations of the school.

Opportunities and requirements, roles and responsibilities, and interaction with the school community are covered. His work on the NZEI website is particularly easy to access and would be of interest to whanau who want to understand how learning is changing.

Working with Lester was very important for our school's continuing development. I'm sending a BIG thank you to all our families who had normal life disrupted by our Teacher Only Days.

Regards  
Marlene

## Te Roopu Aroha ki te Reo, Te Puni o Matariki 2011 (Matariki's Camp)

I tera wiki i haere matou ki te Kokiri mo te puni. I mahi matou o matou moenga katahi i hikoi matou ki te Kopua. I peke matou mai te piriti, aa, i maanu matou ki te papa hii ika. I hikoi matou ki te kura ki te mahi waka kopapa ana i hoki matou ki te Kokiri.  
I t era tuarua i haere matou ki te rikata mo nga whakataetae waka kopapa. I wini nga kotiro engari kaore nga tama i wini. I te po i takaro matou i te spotlight ana i wini ahau. A muri i te spotlight i mataki matou i te South Park.  
I t era tuatoru i haere matou ki Waireinga katahi i hoki matou ki te Kokiri me te whakapai, aa, i hoki matou ki te kainga.  
Ko te mea pai ki au o te puni ko te spotlight, aa, ko te mea kore pai ki au ko te hikoi ki Waireinga.  
A tera tau kei te pirangi ahau ki te haere ki tetahi puni tuuturu ki te ngahere.

*Na Tokihaua me tana hoa a Tumanako Ritchie*

### Matariki's Camp at the Kokiri 2011

What an awesome camp we had last week. From day one practising for the regatta, swimming and kayaking, to day two and the girls winning the plate at the regatta and singing and spotlight. Big ups to the tamariki but most of all to papa Tex, Anthony (Koro Gelt), Kahurangi and our parents and whanau. Kaare e mutu te aroha me te mihi kau ana ki a koutou katoa. Ka ngangaro!!!  
Na Koka Liz

## Help Needed

Our school has the opportunity to raise significant funds at the Te Uku Wind Farm Open Day - Sunday April 10, based at Te Kopua. We need help on this day setting up and running a number of stalls and fun, kids-based activities. Please contact Rochell White 825 7330 or Angela Massey phone or text 027 2856968.

## What's Coming Up

- 25 March: E4 and E5's Mini Gala Fundraiser
- 28 March-1 April: Senior Students to Outdoor Pursuits Centre, Great Barrier Island
- 31 March-1 April: E4 and E5 camp at the Kokiri
- 1 April: Rainbows End, Year 11 Physics trip
- 6 April: Year 4-8 Football Taster Sessions
- 7 April: Duffy Assembly with Jodi Vaughn
- 10 April: Community Open Day for the Wind Farm
- 12 April: Vaccinations for Year 7
- 13 April: Year 0-6 Cross Country

March 2011						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 BoT Mtg	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Year 11-13 Parent/Teacher Interviews 2.30-5pm

Year 11-13 Parent/Teacher Interviews 3-5pm

Year 7-10 Parent/Teacher Interviews 2.30-5pm

Year 7-10 Parent/Teacher Interviews 3-5pm

# Postcards for Christchurch

As part of the fundraising efforts for the Christchurch earthquake, students from Raglan Area School have made over 90 postcards for children and young people in the Christchurch area.

Inspired by the idea of using art as therapy, the postcards were made as a way of giving messages of strength, hope, courage and resilience to young people who might be feeling scared or unsafe. The post cards will be sent to a Christchurch school this week, along with the money raised through the coin trail. They will be given out by teachers for the Christchurch students to keep.

All students were invited to take part in this activity, and many came to help during their lunchtime breaks. As well as helping others, the postcards also gave Raglan students the opportunity to process their thoughts and

feelings about the earthquake in a safe and creative way.

The images on the front were chosen and drawn by the Raglan students, and include the symbol of Manaakitanga (one of the four school values), the Mangopare, flowers, hearts and brightly coloured patterns. Messages of hope and courage were also written on the reverse.

Beth Ivy-Buxton  
Teacher Digital Technology



# Waka Kopapa Regatta

Last Thursday Year 7 and 8, and Matariki of Te Roopu Aroha ki te Reo had a great day at Turangawaewae Marae, Ngaruarwahia, participating in their annual waka regatta. It was a wonderfully hot day, enjoyed by our students.

We entered seven teams and all made the finals. Three of them gaining places. Many thanks to whanau for their support with transport.  
Kia ora  
Gwyn Brodie



Last Friday, March 18th, a senior girls crew competed in the Waka Koupapa Regatta at Turangawaewae in Ngaruawahia. The crew included: Erana Te Rangi, Rebecca Cook, Hannah Strauss, Jay Hirini and Ashleigh Waitere. The girls displayed determination and perseverance during the torrential downpours and fierce competition from secondary schools between Taupo and Huntly. They claimed a second place, a third and a fourth. The experience, both training and competing, provided them with valuable practice around cooperation, team ethos, timing, fitness and supporting each other.

Apart from deciding that we need wider hoes, the girls reflected the main aim of this event which is to see - "smiling faces on the water". Thanks to the whanau who have supported the girls in coming to practices and to Whaea Jeanette for taking my classes so that I could take the girls on Friday.

Stevie Gardiner (coach)

# Year 3-6 Mini Gala

*Food, fun & games*  
From 10.40 until 1.20, Friday 25, 2011  
Outside E Block lasses

**Loads of fun from only 50 cents.** Come and buy a CD of the Year 0-6's singing (\$7) Throw a sponge at the teacher! White Elephant stall! Colouring in Competitions! Basketball and Golf Games and much, much more!

Proceeds towards school camp, resources and donations to the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal.

**(Please note: No Tuck Shop on Friday – Order forms for junior students)**

**KiwiSport** waikato **BIKE RAGLAN**

**PROGRAMME**  
Learn to Ride programme with fun skills, drills and games

**VENUE**  
Raglan Area School  
42 Norrie Ave, Raglan

**DATES/TIME**  
4 weeks on Mondays  
21, 28 March & 4, 11 April  
3.30 - 4.30pm

**AGE**  
Years 2 - 6

**BRING**  
Bike, Helmet, Shoes and Drink Bottle

**FREE**

Phone, text or email Amy to register, or just turn up on the day!

**after school programmes**

Phone, text or email: Amy Burdred 027 213 5147  
bike@kiwisportwaikato.org.nz **bikenz**

[www.kiwisportwaikato.org.nz](http://www.kiwisportwaikato.org.nz)

SPARC THE SPORTS PARTNERSHIP FOR AOTEAROA **SPORTWAIKATO**

# Bits and Bobs

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Don't forget, you are still able to purchase a class photo up until the end of next week. Envelopes available at the school office, pop in and see Sue.

## FROM THE DENTAL CLINIC

We, Donna and Huria, are back at Raglan Area School, after a short stint at other schools in Hamilton. You can call us on 825 8376 to make an appointment.

## STUDENT FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOL TRIPS

HANGI  
\$10.00

CHICKEN, MUTTON, PORK, POTATO,  
PUMPKIN, KUMARA STUFFING AND  
FRY BREAD  
2 APRIL 2011  
2PM

PICKUP FROM SCHOOL HALL  
CONTACT WHAEA JEANETTE 0272145801  
OR  
WHAEA HINEMOA 0210367477

PUNKS AND PRINCESSES  
THURSDAY 31ST MARCH 2011  
4-7PM

GOLD COIN ENTREY—PROCEEDS TO  
CHRISTCHURCH RELIEF FUND

**There will be no Tuck Shop tomorrow. You will be able to purchase things to eat at the Year 3-6 Gala**