



Raglan Area School

TE KURA A ROHE O WHAINGAROA

Kia ora and warm greetings to you all,

We are all very proud of our senior students Ashley Weir and Nat Hughes who spoke on our behalf at the ANZAC Day service. Their speech was sincere and competently delivered - very well done.

Ashley, Nat, Hannah Strauss, Erana Te Rangi, and Denzel de Ruyscher then flew to Akaroa (outside Christchurch) to attend a week long Leadership Camp with students from other Area Schools around New Zealand.

The Education Review Office (ERO) have been visiting the school and reviewing our student achievement, teaching practices management, and governance. The focus of the visit is student achievement and future challenges, rather than just compliance. Next week they will report their findings and recommendations to the Board of Trustees and within a few weeks will publish a report for the community. This report will also be available on our school website, www.raglanarea.school.nz. I would like to thank those of you who took the time to meet with the team and to share your views, and those who returned the questionnaires for the team.

Attendance continues to be a focus for us, and the end of Term 1 data showed an average attendance of 89.3%. While we are pleased to be close to the target for the school it must be said that some students are

simply not attending school enough to make the gains in learning we would all hope for. Other than when your children are sick please ensure that they are attending classes.

We have placed an advertisement in the Education Gazette for a New Entrants Teacher, to begin at our school mid Term 3. This is a long term relieving (LTR) position. Already we have had several applicants and I am confident that we will find an excellent teacher for this position.

We had a number of Year 8 students enter the ANZAC essay competition. This year the overall winner was a Te Mata student, but our students are to be highly commended for their ability to research and then go to a competition and sit for 90 minutes straight, writing! Photos of some of the students will be on our website this week.

Some of you will have seen our new green fence around the junior playground area. This fence has been built to contain our very active young ones but also has several entry gate access points.

With warm regards to all,
Malcolm

Some photos of our essay contestants



Attendance Data: Attendance and punctuality. By the end of last term our school attendance was sitting at 89%. A good, steady improvement - thank you families. However we still have a way to go to get to our goal so please ensure your children are at school and on time.

Curriculum Update

The Education Review Office (ERO) has been visiting us this week. I thought it would be useful for families to know more about what ERO does. Their visits to schools are to evaluate the quality of education and care. They report publicly with the aim of improving the achievement of all students. ERO also conducts evaluations of areas of interest for the whole of NZ and publishes reports on these. "Evaluation at a Glance" is a summary from national evaluations and reports of good practice published in the last four or so years that, taken together, give a picture of what makes effective schools.

Two of the descriptions of what a good school does are these:

1) Good schools focus on the potential of learners through a careful analysis of needs, progress and achievement

The school is working to raise achievement for all students. Appropriate and timely assessment pinpoints learners' needs and their next learning steps; evidence-based decisions are made about curriculum, teaching strategies and interventions; programmes and resources are carefully selected and

evaluated; learners are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning; progress is monitored and achievement is communicated clearly. **2) Good schools engage with their communities. Effective schools listen to the aspirations that parents and whanau have for their children.**

Schools should consult with families on relevant matters and communicate with them in a timely and appropriate manner. Teachers and support staff are approachable and knowledgeable. Teachers are willing to talk about their realistic appraisal of learner potential and progress. Effective schools value communication as a two-way experience. They also make use of agencies, organisations, resources and personnel in the wider community to enhance students' educational and social outcomes.

If you'd like to read the whole report about what ERO does you can find it on www.ero.govt.nz

Regards
Marlene

What's Coming Up

17 May - Board of Trustees meeting;
9/16/23/30 May - after school Football for Years 4-8,
3:30 - 4:30;
10 May - Meremere to Kawhia;
27 May - Onewhere Exchange

May 2011

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School Website

Your new 'go to' place - our school website! www.raglanarea.school.nz. There is LOTS of information you'll be interested in, but I recommend you start with the 'students' button. Photos and writing about school events are in this section... If you miss getting our school newsletter you'll find them all under the 'school' button...

Red Cross "People Savers"

Yesterday the Year 8s got the chance to do First Aid on a People Savers Course. I thought that the course was very interesting. It was interesting because I learnt some new things about how to save someone's life in an emergency. We got a partner and learnt how to open their airways. I also learnt how to put people in recovery position if they've been in the water so they don't choke on their own tongue or vomit. Over all I thought that the course was great.
Jahvik Leng-Ware Year 8



The Year 8s did a people saver course yesterday. I thought that the course was very interesting because I learnt a lot of things that might help to save people. One of the important things that I learnt was that if you get burnt you cool it, clean it, then cover it. In my opinion it was very useful because I will probably use these skills in my life.

Awhi Paekau Year 8



Impetigo/School Sores

Impetigo is caused by streptococcus (strep) or staphylococcus (staph) bacteria. Methicillin-resistant staph aureus (MRSA) is becoming a common cause.

The skin normally has many types of bacteria on it, but intact skin is an effective barrier that keeps bacteria from entering and growing in the body. When there is a break in the skin, bacteria can enter the body and grow there, causing inflammation and infection. Breaks in the skin may occur with:

- Animal bites
- Human bites
- Injury or trauma to the skin
- Insect bites

Impetigo may also occur on skin where there is no visible break.

It is most common in children, particularly those in unhealthy living conditions. In adults, it may follow other skin disorders or a recent upper respiratory infection such as a cold or other virus. It is similar to cellulitis, but it only involves the top layers of the skin. Impetigo is contagious, meaning it can spread to others. You can catch this infection if the fluid that oozes from the blisters touches an open area on your skin.

Symptoms

- A single or possibly many blisters filled with pus; easy to pop and -- when broken -- leave a reddish raw-looking base (in infants);
- Itching blister:
 - Filled with yellow or honey-coloured fluid
 - Oozing and crusting over
- Rash -- may begin as a single spot, but if person scratches, it may spread to other areas;
- Skin lesions on the face, lips, arms, or legs, that spread to other areas;
- Swollen lymph nodes near the infection (lymphadenopathy).

Signs and tests

Diagnosis is based mainly on the appearance of the skin lesion.

A culture of the skin or lesion usually grows the bacteria streptococcus or staphylococcus. The culture can help determine if MRSA is the cause, because specific antibiotics are used to treat this infection.

Treatment

The goal is to cure the infection and relieve the symptoms. A mild infection may be treated with a prescription antibacterial cream. More severe cases may require antibiotics, taken by mouth.

Wash (do not scrub) the skin several times a day, preferably with an antibacterial soap, to remove crusts and drainage.

Expectations (prognosis)

The sores of impetigo heal slowly and seldom scar. The cure rate is extremely high, but the condition often comes back in young children.

Complications

- Kidney failure (post-streptococcal glomerulonephritis) (rare)
- Many patches of impetigo (in children)
- Permanent skin damage and scarring (very rare)
- Spread of the infection to other parts of the body (common)

Calling your health care provider

Call for an appointment with your health care provider if you have symptoms of impetigo.

Prevention

Prevent the spread of infection.

- If you have impetigo, always use a clean washcloth and towel each time.
- Do not share towels, clothing, razors, and other personal care products with other family members.
- Wash your hands thoroughly after touching the skin lesions.

Good general health and hygiene help to prevent infection. Thoroughly clean minor cuts and scrapes with soap and clean water. You can also use a mild antibacterial soap. Impetigo is contagious, so avoid touching the draining (oozing) lesions.

Bits and Bobs

Calling for Match Boxes

E3 children are beginning to collect around 14 empty match boxes each which may be a little difficult. If you have some empty match boxes, and would like to help us out, you could drop them off at the school office. Many thanks.
Whaea Annette

After School Football

May 9/16/23/30 after school Football (Soccer) for Years 4-8, 3:30 - 4:30 on the bottom school field.

Student ID Cards

Year 11 and 13 students who have had their ID photos taken, your ID cards are now at the office. They need to be paid for on pick up, \$6.00.

Junior Cross Country

Want to see some cool photos? Look at our website in the "Student" button and go to "Sports". www.raglanarea.school.nz

Don't forget - we finish at 2.15pm every Wednesday this year.

Kalani Marching Team

Kalani Marching Team are now recruiting new members for the 2011 season. Come long to our Muster - 1pm Sun 15th May at Fraser Tech Rugby Clubrooms Register now by Ph/Txt Kali 027 2567522 or just turn up.