



Raglan Area School

TE KURA A ROHE O WHAINGAROA

Kia ora and warm greetings to you all,
A new Board of Trustees has been nominated for Raglan Area School and as the nominations were matched to the positions to be filled on the board these people were automatically appointed to the Board. Our congratulations (and thanks) are extended to Margaret Dillon, Kartika Leng, Linda Holmes, Jeremy Hughes, and Kala Tapara as new parent representatives on the Board. Marleina Te Kanawa is the Iwi representative, Brooke Congdon is the student representative and Quenten Browne is the new staff representative. I am grateful to those members of the Board who have completed their time on the board for their persistent and consistent support of our school and for myself as principal. The new and retiring Board will meet shortly to mix and mingle and to formally hand over their roles.

Raglan Area School has been recently celebrated in several publications. Two of these are in association with Genesis Energy, namely that "Raglan Area School was the school that generated the most solar electricity in 2009." We generated 2,891kWh of electricity from our solar panels and saved 541.3kg of CO₂! Coming a close second was Maeroa Intermediate in Hamilton with 2716kWh of electricity. Included was the following observations "that Raglan Area School has embraced the SchoolGen programme throughout all levels (0-13). Across the school there is a high level of understanding and awareness of the programme, with both teachers and students. Raglan Area School is the pilot lead school for the Schoolgen Buddy School programme with Te Uku School. A group has been formed, called the Bright Sparks, consisting of Year 0-13 students, who take their expertise about solar energy to Te Uku School. It has been a very positive leadership experience." A special thanks to Angela Prain who

fronts this project as part of 'Enviro Schools'.

Next Monday is a Teacher Only Day and the school will be closed. Staff will be working on three separate elements of Professional Development.

The Literacy projects in both the junior and senior school supported by MOE literacy development staff, further work on developing the NZ Curriculum, and finally further learning through Ko Tatou.

The leadership team in conjunction with the BOT is making application to be one of the 100 schools selected to be part of a new initiative called He kakano which is a professional development initiative for school leadership focused on Maori Achievement. Some statistics that may be of interest include that 60% of our student roll identify themselves as Maori, in some mainstream classes that % can be as high as 75%. Clearly any initiative that focuses on raising Maori achievement is of benefit to all of our students.

Finally my thanks to the staff (and Phillip) who came and muscled their way through a mountain of pinus radiata debris to create huge piles of mulch last Saturday. We older staff were shattered trying to keep up the pace with younger ones. There will be another mulching day in a month or so where we will cut down and mulch the privets and hawthorn on the peninsular. If you would like to volunteer please let me know.

With warm regards to all, Malcolm

Curriculum Update

In 2009 I attended an introductory meeting on the standards and last term Malcolm and Celia attended a further introductory workshop. We will continue to take advantage of the workshops that the Ministry of Education is providing.

The standards set clear expectations that students from year 0-8 need to meet in reading, writing, and mathematics. Schools are expected to begin implementation of them this year. Information gathering for Ngā Whanaketanga Rūmaki Māori – the Māori medium standards began in term one 2010.

Judgements about whether a student meets a standard will be made on the basis of several sources of information, not a single assessment. The level of difficulty is based on the achievement needed for students to be on track for success at each curriculum level and throughout their schooling.

An important next step for us is to align our reporting to parents so that as students move through our school we are comparing 'apples with apples' as much as possible. The school leadership team is working on the alignment this term and you are likely to see some changes in school reports as the year progresses.



There is a lot of information available to you from:
<http://nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/National-Standards>

Please don't hesitate to phone me if you have questions,
Marlene Smith
Deputy Principal

What's Coming Up

May 2010

10 MAY— TEACHER ONLY DAY.

13 May—Billabong Pro Surf Comp.

14 May—Onewhero Sports Exchange.

19 May—Yr7/8 at University of Waikato at "Our Stories".

21 May—Western Cluster Cross Country at Waitetuna.

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Student Creative Writing

One night my family and I were watching T.V when. Boom! The lights went out. Boom! The micro-wave exploded. Boom! Boom! Boom! All our electrical appliances exploded. "What's happening?" I yelled. Boom! Boom! Boom! Everything exploded sending glass everywhere. We all screamed.

The exploding stopped. My dad got up. He looked around. Miniscule shards of glass were everywhere and suddenly there was a light. When we could see, we searched around to try and find the source. The computer was shining brightly. We all carefully moved over to the computer, avoiding the pieces of glass. There was a message on the computer screen. It said, "Hello Welcome to hell!". The lights turned on and the message on the computer disappeared.

We all started to panic and ran to the doors. They were all locked and our keys had been removed from our bags and the doors. "What's going on?" I wondered aloud.

We all searched around the house but found no way out. The doors were all locked and the windows barricaded with steel bars. How had we not noticed this happening? I can't believe we were so blind!

The lights went out again and the computer turned on and shone brightly exactly like before. We all ran over to the computer. The only thing

different this time was the message. It said, "One person will die in twenty minutes". We all panicked but my Dad said everything would be all right but I had a feeling that it wouldn't. The only thing I was thinking about was who would be first.

How much time had passed since the message had disappeared? Ten, twenty minutes? I was not sure. Tension was rising in the room. We were all scared. The computer blinked on again and a message came up. It said, "Two seconds left".

Suddenly I heard a scream. Where was my Mum? She was gone! One by one, my family disappeared until I was left alone, all by myself. In the house. With a killer. I was so terrified I started crying. Why did this happen to me? Why?

The lights turned on and the computer came to life. I slowly walked over to the computer and read the message for what I thought would be the last time. The message said, "April Fools". Everyone jumped out and started laughing at me. Everyone found it hilarious. Except me. I looked around. Someone was missing. Ben! Where was he? The lights went out! Ahhh!

Sam

Onewhero Sports Exchange

Approximately 100 students and staff will be travelling to Onewhero next Friday (14th) for the first of hopefully many successful sports exchanges with Onewhero Area School.

By now, all students Yr 7-13 should have taken home a Consent Form for their parents to sign, allowing them to participate. Can we please have these forms returned to the office by next Wednesday (12th), along with the \$20 cost of the trip.

Students will meet in the school hall at 8.45 Friday morning, ready to head out at 9am. It is unlikely we'll be back before 3pm so those students who would normally catch the school bus home, will need to arrange for their parents to pick them up from school at around 4.30pm.

Students will need to bring with them their: PE uniform; boots, shin pads and mouth guards; cut lunch and drink bottle and a change of warm clothing.

School Dress Code

We have very few restrictions on the clothing that students wear to school - here is a reminder of what they are:
Girls should not wear clothing that is revealing, (no shoestring tops, no low tops, the midriff should be covered, and no short shorts).
T-shirts for boys should have sleeves and they are not to wear t-shirts that have drinking/drugs slogans, or other offensive slogans/ graphics.

PE gear is to be worn for all organised physical activity and is sometimes required on trips outside the school. All clothing should be in good repair, especially when representing the school.

We would really appreciate parent help in monitoring what your son/daughter is wearing to school.
Marlene Smith

NZ Music Month Turns 10—La-la, La-la-la-laaaaa!!!

You may have noticed in your neighbourhood the sweet sounds of vocal warm-up exercises and the tuning of instruments, in anticipation of New Zealand Music Month. That's right, it's May, and this year New Zealand Music Month is celebrating its 10th birthday. All across Aotearoa people are having gigs, jams, and proudly blasting Kiwi music on their stereos, and now it's your turn. Get out there and buy a local CD, sing to your tamariki, or if you're tone deaf try lip-syncing. Music is fun, and in the spirit of the month,

we will have a few activities including a Staff/Student Jam in the quad, a guest DJ lunchtime with art and skating, and a talent show in the final week of May. We'll keep you posted. And until then 'keep on rockin' (or hip-hoppin' depending on your style).

School Physiotherapy Advisory Clinics

The clinic will be running at the school again from Friday 7th May. Due to the present demands on Whaingaroa Physiotherapy from both the community and ACC, we can offer an advisory only service at the school. Students and staff can come along if they have any queries or concerns about injuries, aches or pains and appropriate advice will be given. This clinic is free of charge and no appointment is necessary. If active physiotherapy treatment is necessary, an appointment will have to be made

at the Wallis Street clinic. Appointments can be made by calling the clinic on 825 0123 or will be arranged at the advisory clinic.

I would like to thank you for your support of this service. If you have any queries about the school physiotherapy service, please do not hesitate to contact myself.
Noho ora mai
Ngareta Melgren

Bit's 'n' Bob's

Public Health Nurse

Dawn Tamati, District Health Nurse, will be here at school Tuesday 11th and Friday 14th if you have any referrals.

Hearing and Vision Screening in Schools

Gay Mohi, our Hearing and Vision technician will be visiting us Monday 17th.

Thank you

D4 and E4 went to the museum on Friday the 24th of April. My favourite thing at the club was the picture of the bomb dropping places. My next favourite thing was the turtle shell at the museum. I really liked both of those places. Thank you parents for supporting us.
Cameron Brydon (D4)