

Raglan Area School

TE KURA A ROHE O WHAINGAROA

Kia ora and warm greetings to you all,
Thanks to those who turned up for the presentation on Monday night. Some twenty parents turned up to become better informed about the issues of drugs in communities and a special thanks to Megan Jolly for the sponsorship.

I Liked this so am sharing it with you.

Mean Mums & Grandmas

Someday when my children are old enough to understand the logic that motivates a parent, I will tell them, as my Mean ole Mum told me:

"I loved you enough to ask where you were going, with whom, and what time you would be home. I loved you enough to be silent and let you discover that your new best friend was a creep. I loved you enough to stand over you for two hours while you cleaned your room, a job that should have taken 15 minutes. I loved you enough to let you see anger, disappointment, and tears in my eyes. Children must learn that their parents aren't perfect. I loved you enough to let you assume the responsibility for your actions even when the penalties were so harsh they almost broke my heart. But most of all, I loved you enough to say NO when I knew you would hate me for it. Those were the most difficult battles of all. I'm glad I won them, because in the end you won, too. And someday when your children are old enough to understand the logic that motivates parents, you will tell them.

Was your Mum mean? I know mine was. We had the meanest mother in the whole world! While other kids ate candy for breakfast, we had to have cereal, eggs, and toast. When others had a Pepsi and a Twinkie for lunch, we had to eat sandwiches. And you can guess our mother fixed us a dinner that was different from what other kids had, too. Mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were convicts in a prison. She had to know who our friends were, and what we were doing with them. She

insisted that if we said we would be gone for an hour, we would be gone for an hour or less.

We were ashamed to admit it, but she had the nerve to break the Child Labor Laws by making us work. We had to wash the dishes, make the beds, learn to cook, vacuum the floor, do laundry, empty the trash and all sorts of cruel jobs. I think she would lie awake at night thinking of more things for us to do.

She always insisted on us telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. By the time we were teenagers, she could read our minds and had eyes in the back of her head. Then, life was really tough! Mother wouldn't let our friends just honk the horn when they drove up. They had to come up to the door so she could meet them. While everyone else could date when they were 12 or 13, we had to wait until we were 16.

Because of our mother we missed out on lots of things other kids experienced. None of us have ever been caught shoplifting, vandalizing other's property or ever arrested for any crime. It was all her fault. Now that we have left home, we are all educated, honest adults. We are doing our best to be mean parents just like Mum was.

I think that is what's wrong with the world today. It just doesn't have enough mean mums!"

With warm regards to all and especially the mean mums,

Malcolm

Curriculum Update

Social Science (Social Studies)

Social Science is taught at all levels of the school and includes geography, history and economics.

Parents/whanau sometimes wonder how and why we teach the three key Social Studies processes of Inquiry, Values and Social Decision-Making. In Social Science:

- *Inquiry is the process of collecting, analysing and communicating information about human society;*
- *Values exploration is the process of exploring and analysing values, both our own and those of other people; and*
- *Social Decision-Making enables students to develop solutions to problems and make decisions about possible social action.*

When taught well these processes enable students to participate confidently and

responsibly in various communities.

Our Social Science programs emphasise learning about peoples, cultures and groups in various times and places, both in NZ and in the wider world. This learning includes the development of understanding of the Treaty of Waitangi, of NZ's bi-cultural heritage and multi-cultural future.

New Zealand Curriculum

Inquiry

Achievement Objective

Students will demonstrate skills as they:

- Collect, process, and communicate information about human society.

Within these levels, students could:

- Use questions;
- Collect and record information;
- Sort information;
- Make a generalisation based on findings;
- Communicate findings

VALUES EXPLORATION

Achievement Objective

Students will demonstrate skills as they:

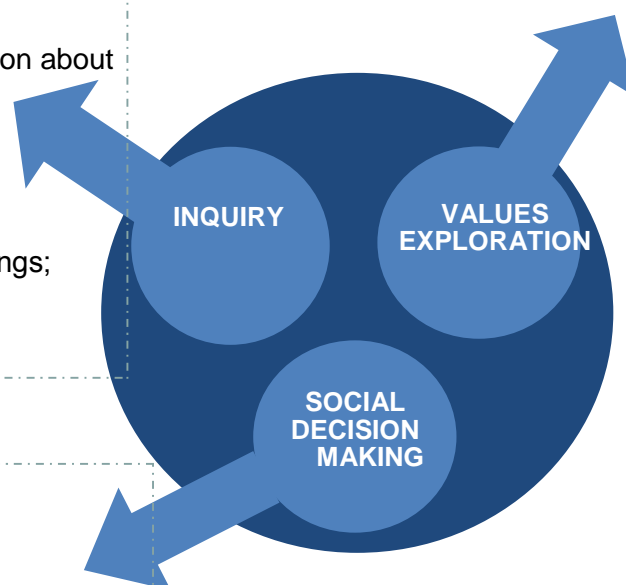
- Explore and analyse values.
Within these levels, students could:
 - Explain their own values position;
 - Give reasons why people hold particular values positions.

SOCIAL DECISION MAKING

Achievement Objective

Students will demonstrate skills as they:

- Make decisions about possible social action
Within these levels, students could:
 - Identify issues and problems;
 - Develop solutions to relevant problems;
 - Make a choice about possible action.



Western Cluster Soccer

On Thursday the 19th of August, 4 girls and 6 boys went to compete in the soccer tournament down at the rugby grounds. The people that went were Sean, Munga, Tomas, Ryan, Luke, Kayden, Hannah, Corina, Emma and Zara Ann. We trained for three days. On the day of the tournament we came to school at the normal time, then we waited outside whaea Karen's class until she came out. She took us to the van and drove us to the rugby grounds. When we got there we hopped out of the van with our gear and put all of it down on the deck and listened to the rules. After that we walked

over to the field that we were going to play on and got in our positions. The referee blew the whistle for the game to start. By the end of the day we had won three games, lost one, and tied one. It was an awesome day.



Year 0-6 Production

Year 0 to 6 proudly presents a production - Once Upon A Time In Aotearoa
DATES:

September 24th 12.30 - 2 (Community schools/groups)

September 25th 11.20 - 12.50 (Raglan Area School and Parents)

September 26th 6PM - 7.30 (Family/Friends/Community Members)

VENUE:

Raglan Area School Hall

Ladies and Gentlemen, Whanau and Friends, On With The Show! Our syndicate is busily preparing for our major production. All seven classes will weave their performance magic through the script written by the children and staff. Set in the present, the past and the future, 'Once Upon A Time In Aotearoa' is a not-to-be-missed event. There certainly is a buzz in the air, and we look forward to sharing our skills and talents with you! Sponsorship opportunities exist for those business that would like to support this fantastic event. Please contact Matua Andre or Whaea Celia for details.

Thank you - Year 0 to 6 Syndicate Teachers

Build-Ability Challenge

THE BCITO Build-Ability Challenge is an annual, nationwide school-based programme to construct a building project for a local community group.

Online voting for People's Choice Award

Friday 27th August – Friday 3rd August

<http://www.bcito.org.nz/schools/build-ability-challenge>

Raglan Area School's 2010 project is a Seating Area and steps at Xtreme Waste



Year 1 "Greats and Grands" Visit

On Wednesday 18 August, at 1.30pm, Whaea Celia and Whaea Peggotty's classes hosted an afternoon for grand parents and great grandparents. This was part of the children's social studies learning to gain information about schooling, games, toys etc from previous times and to make comparisons to their own pastimes. About 20 "Greats and Grands" (with ages ranging from 40 to 90) braved a wet and wintery afternoon to attend. They shared lots of memories with us and some brought photo albums etc to share. The afternoon gave the grand parents and great grand parents an opportunity to see and be part of the children's classroom and learning. The children sang and read to those present and showed their story writing books and art works. The sun came out mid afternoon and stayed out long enough for the children to show their prowess on the playground and do a Jump Jam routine. In the morning, the children had helped to make pikelets, which our visitors had with a cup of tea at the end of the afternoon. We thank those attended for their valuable input.

Whaea

Celia & Whaea Peggotty



THOMSONS Building Centre

We have recently begun to participate in ITM Priority Partners programme. This programme has some great benefits for us.

If we apply for an ITM Priority Card (free of charge) then make a purchase (cash sales only) you receive an exclusive discount.

You can apply for an ITM Priority Card from Thomsons ITM either online at <http://www.itm.co.nz> or by filling out an application form—available from Whatawhata school office or in store at Thomsons ITM (Masons Rd Whatawhata, 829 8518 or Avalon Drive, Hamilton 849 3674.

Mt Karioi Day Trip Sunday 12 September

For those who are just not snow bunnies, a day trip up and over Mt Karioi, Raglan. This is a great days walk for all. The bus will drop off on Ruapuke Rd, where we have a small amount of flat to warm up, then yes, it's a bit of a climb. Height for the day is 756m and on a clear day, there are views right down to Mt Egmont and up along the coast. We stay on the top ridgeline for a while before dropping down to the waiting bus. Another

option for those wishing a slightly easier trip, is to go with the bus driver around to the endpoint and start climbing up to meet the main party. The hot chocolates (at the Shack, Raglan) at the end of the day, are well worth the trip.

For more information contact Nathalie Moreitz on (07) 853 5001 or email mara_1138@yahoo.com

Bits and Bobs

Funky Monkeys

To get the FUNKY MONKEYS LIVE @ OUR SCHOOL!!

All you have to do is text 3funky2 (space) your name AND your school to 559 and you're in the draw!! Send in your texts between the 6th and 17th of September. Winning school announced after the 17th on Waikato's 92 More FM!

Happy Puku Price Increase

Dear all, we sadly advise of a price increase on our food starting next term. We hope to

keep the increase to a minimum and will advertise our new menu as soon as possible. Wendy and Kartika

Plastics Research

In E3, we are researching plastics. If you can find the weirdest ways to reuse plastic bottles, we would love to hear about them. Please write down your ideas and drop them in to the school office, or you can phone the school office and leave the details with them, for us.

What's Coming Up

27 August—Daffodil Day

26 August—Army Careers Visit

31 August—Year 10 Vision Screening 1.30pm

2 September—Teacher Only Afternoon

9 September—Western Zone fishing competition