



Raglan Area School

TE KURA A ROHE O WHAINGAROA

Kia ora to you all,

The Education Review Office report has been confirmed and I will share it with you in its entirety shortly. It goes to the Board of Trustees next Tuesday night for review. I am pleased with the review and ERO will not revisit us for three years, which is a vote of confidence in the school and its achievements. Just briefly I was pleased to read their affirmation of our “students positive attitude to learning”, the ‘teachers interactions with students are focused on promoting their learning”, the school’s “responsible approach to student safety and well-being, and the emphasis on inclusion and restorative practices” the school community’s “high level of commitment to the values and principles of Whakawhānau, Kaitiakitanga, Manaakitanga and Poutama”.

We were very pleased to welcome Liz de Beurs into our staff. She is working with Celia in the New Entrants and getting to know the students and our staff. Liz is already making a difference for Celia and we are thoroughly enjoying her being with us.

You may have noticed that Sue Melton has resigned her position from Family Works and the Social Worker in Schools role that she had. Sue has gone to other employment and we thank her for her time here working with us and with our families. On Wednesday I was part of an interviewing panel at Family Works looking at applicants to replace Sue and there were

several talented applicants. They are working through the process of appointing a new SWiS. This person will join our team at the beginning of Term Three.

Margaret Thorsborne has been working with staff over these last two days. She held a meeting last night for parents that was well attended, and I know she was extremely well received. Thank-you for attending and also thanks to those of you who have come out to meet at other events over the last few days - the National Standards hui and NCEA hui. We are keen to partner with our community and to share with them about education particularly at Raglan Area School.

With warm regards to all,
Malcolm

Attendance Data:

Attendance for the school last week was 87.1%. We have a number of students with colds and flu. Please keep them at home until they are well to avoid spreading the bugs.

Curriculum Update

Last week from Wednesday to Friday all mainstream students from Year 7 – Year 13 came off their normal timetable. In Year 7-10 all students took part in a conference called ‘Issues of Adolescence’. In Year 11-13 all students took part in a program called ‘Eventing’.

Year 7-10 Conferences.

There are 125 students in Year 7-10. Our students have a normal timetable that includes English, Mathematics, Science, Social Science, and PE/Health. Te Reo Maori, Technology and Arts are also taught, usually during our ‘options’ time. However during the conferences we pick up one aspect of curriculum and give all the students a very rich experience where we bring in adults from outside the school to offer all sorts of sessions for our students to join and learn. For ‘Issues of Adolescence’ our focus is on Health. Last week students went to workshops that ranged from ‘how to keep your immune system strong’ to ‘girls’ self-defense’. We had over twenty expert facilitators from as far away as Auckland in the school over the three days. Later this year we plan to offer conferences on Performance Arts and Visual Arts.

Year 11-13 Eventing

It is important that Year 11-13 have a settled timetable to study for NCEA. However field trips and extra activities are important too, so each term we set aside three days for them, called Eventing. During those three days last week we had all the senior Art students in Wellington, other students completing a First Aid course, or spending an intensive full day on one subject with one teacher.

Conferences and Eventing are a welcome break from our normal routine, and give students a chance to have wonderful experiences.

Marlene



What’s Coming Up

- 28 June—BoT Meeting
- 28/29 June Year 7-13 Parent Interviews 4pm-7pm
- 29 June—1 July Global Workers with us.
- 30 June Year 13 Physics to University of Waikato
- 13-15 July—Whangamata Exchange

June 2011						
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School Website

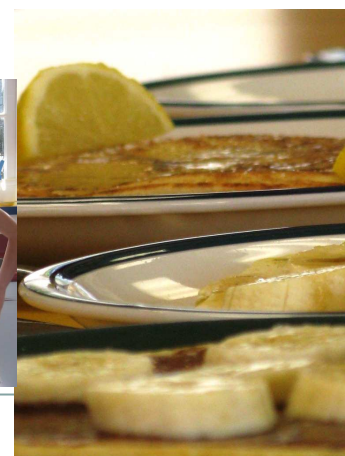
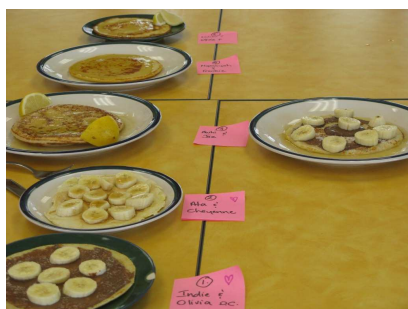
Your new 'go to' place - our school website! www.raglanarea.school.nz. There is LOTS of information you'll be interested in, but I recommend you start with the 'students' button. Photos and writing about school events are in this section... If you miss getting our school newsletter you'll find them all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

The School Dental Clinic

The School Dental Clinic is now closed. Donna and Huria are now at Te Kowhai School. If you need us, you can leave a message at that school office on: Ph 07 8297860 or Phone/txt Donna on: 021356260 or Phone: 0800talkteeth (0800825583). Clinic hours are Mon—Fri 8.30am—3.45pm.

Bake Off

During the recent Year 7 - 10 Health Conference, a last minute Bake Off was organised to provide a relevant activity for students who were without a workshop provider due to circumstances beyond their control. A local chef, Andrew Papa, was invited to observe each bake Off and judge the winners. Criteria included Safety and Hygiene Practices, Taste and Colour of the Finished Product, Time Management and Presentation. The students enjoyed the challenge and learnt some valuable tips from an expert in this field. The results were as follows: Year 7 Girls Selina Barton and Savana Watkins; Year 7 Boys Mason Tukiri and Manaia Tupu-Ngahere; Year 8 Girls Frankie Reynolds and Myaaliyah Rainey. Stevie Gardiner



Winter chills and ills

Winter is the season for many cold, flu-like illnesses and stomach bugs (gastroenteritis). All these illnesses are spread in similar ways and the prevention messages are the same:

- Wash your hands
- Cover your mouth when you cough (cough and sneeze etiquette)
- Carry out regular cleaning of all surfaces.

Stomach bugs: Children should be kept from school if they are vomiting and/or diarrhoea and should not return until they are well and have had at least 24 hours free of symptoms. Please encourage hand washing before eating meals and after visiting the toilet.

Sore throats: can be caused by a number of bacteria and viruses. All sore throats need to be seen by a Doctor, particularly if the child is in a high risk group for rheumatic fever. **Sore throats matter-get them checked!**

Measles: symptoms include fever, runny nose, cough, loss of appetite and conjunctivitis. White spots may also occur in the mouth. After 3 to 5 days a rash appears at the hairline, moves to the face and upper neck, then down the body and usually lasts 4-6 days. The rash is not itchy. The infectious period for measles is the four days prior to the rash appearing and then a further four days after the onset. Measles is highly contagious, should your child show these symptoms it is crucial that you see the Doctor.

Meningococcal disease: even though the number of cases of MenZB is decreasing in the Waikato we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the signs and symptoms of the disease. Early symptoms can include fever, headache, photophobia (not able to look at the light), nausea, vomiting, a rash and muscle pain, with cold feet and hands. A rash that does not fade under pressure can be a sign of meningococcal septicaemia. This rash may begin as a few small dots anywhere on the body and can spread quickly to look like fresh bruises. Also check inside the lower eyelid for spots. However, if someone is ill or is obviously getting worse, don't wait for spots or rash to appear **trust your instincts. If you suspect meningitis get medical advice immediately.**

Holiday Programme Years 3-8

To be held at the Minogue Park Netball Courts, Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st July, 9.am until 1.30pm daily. 1 day: \$35.00; 2 days: \$65.00 (concession rates available for two or more children from the same family). Programme: Day 1: Netball skills session, Day 2: Mini-tournament (prizes to be won), Players to bring: snacks, lunch and a drink bottle. Please wear suitable clothing (including hat/cap) and shoes. Closing date for registration: Tuesday 19th July. Enquiries and registrations to: Ph 8474007 Hamilton City Netball Centre PO Box 848 Hamilton.

Year 0-6

T-shirts—Do you have a RAS school T-shirt that your child has grown out of? Would you consider donating it to the school? We are hoping to create a set of T-Shirts that could be borrowed for Western Cluster events, school trips etc and any donations of new or used T-shirts would be appreciated. We have school T-Shirts for sale at \$15 each. Please see me in my room if you wish to donate or buy one.

Three Way Learning Conferences: - These are being held on Monday 27, Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 June. Please contact the class teacher if you have not yet received a "booking form". We hope to see you all to discuss your child's progress and set new goals.

Thanks, Celia Risbriger

Bits and Bobs

Lost and Found

A scooter has been found on the school grounds, please call the office if you know anything about it. Lost: Boys Globe high-top shoes in black, red and green, please return to the school office if you have found them.

Need some pocket money?

Here's a great lawn mowing opportunity for a willing student Anne 8568136.

Piano Lessons

I am a qualified piano teacher and I would welcome new students. Piano lessons will take place at 45 Government Road, Raglan. If you are interested please phone 825 7427. Mrs Jacqueline Barry

WINTER WARMERS

SOUP

Soup is great warmer for a cold winter's day. Serve with some wholegrain bread for a warm and tasty lunch or dinner. Try this yummy vegetable soup recipe:

- 1 onion chopped
- 2-3 cups chopped veg – pumpkin, kumara, carrot, parsnip etc
- 1 1/2 litres water or stock
- 1/2 cup skim milk powder
- 2 tbsp plain flour

Add veg, onion, water/stock into a pot, simmer until veges are very soft. Mix flour, milk powder and a little water into a smooth paste. Add to soup and simmer until creamy.

