

# Raglan Area School

## TE KURA A ROHE O WHAINGAROA

Kia ora and warm greetings to you all,

This weekend will be the unveiling for our beloved E Kui and her husband. Wini is fondly remembered within the kura and we owe much to her for her support and the aroha she gave us as teacher, guide and mentor. She also composed many of the waiata that we now sing, and they are further taonga that we continue to pass on. Rest in peace e hoa.

I have just returned from a three day hui for Principals and members of senior leadership teams in Tauranga. At this hui we explored the Government's professional development project called He Kakano. Raglan Area School's Board of Trustees has committed to this project for the next three years. Primarily it aims to improve the academic achievement of Maori students by looking at best practice, reviewing the culture of schools, challenging and reviewing our understandings of Te Tiriti and bi-culturalism, and finding pathways forward that ensure that Maori students are achieving success in schools as Maori. The debate was lively amongst principals and researchers and, the programme was demanding on participants and for us as individuals. We looked closely at our school data, and at our personal and professional responsibilities as Principals. We will be visited shortly by the facilitators of He Kakano who will set further goals and Professional Development for the leadership team and for the kura. I am excited by the opportunity to engage in these conversations with the team and in the near fu-

ture with you. Questions that will be at times uncomfortable for us all will be asked and I believe answered. What does inclusion really mean? What does a Student Graduate Profile from Raglan Area School look like? Does it look the same if you are Maori? Certainly I heard over and over that we are seeking the very best outcomes for all of our students and that this is a challenge firmly placed with the schools and within the community.

I advised last term that Arna Rose would be leaving us shortly to take up a senior position at Glen Massey School. Arna Rose will transfer over at the end of week five and we are delighted that Guy Toxward will be the Kaiako for her class till the end of the year.

You will be aware through the media that Secondary School Teachers have committed themselves to industrial action and that students at various levels are being kept at home on a rolling action plan. This does not impact on Raglan Area School, as we are under a separate award. However we are, for the most part, very supportive of the Secondary Teachers and the PPTA. Half of our staff are members of the PPTA and we are following the negotiations as they do impact on us also.

With warm regards to all,  
Malcolm

## Curriculum Update

### New School Reports

A team of teachers has been working hard to review our 'School Reports'. At present we report to parents in a number of different ways:

1. Interim reports (early in the year, commenting on how well students have started);
1. Formal mid-Year and end-Year reports;
2. Whanau interviews;
3. Profile books (portfolios)
4. Three-way and Student-led Conferences.

This is in addition to a multitude of phone calls and drop-in meetings between families and teachers. We work hard to be available to families and have a close connection to you all. However, there are always improvements that can be made – hence our current focus

on Assessment and Reporting.

We are working

- To 'line up' our reports so that as your child moves through the school you know what to expect from our reporting system (when, what).
- To find ways to report progress and achievement so you can easily understand what we are saying. You have probably read about this in the newspapers etc under the heading of 'Plain Language Reporting'.

Our new draft report is nearly ready and I am looking for a small group of parents to have a look at the draft and give us feedback. This won't take long and I would really appreciate your input. Please contact me at school if you're willing to help.

Marlene Smith

**Teacher Only Afternoon Next Tuesday (October 26) from 12.30pm. Sorry for any inconvenience, families, we will have a relief teacher to look after students who are unable to go home. The Whale Bay bus will leave school at 12.30pm, the Te Mata and Te Uku buses will leave at the normal time of 3.15pm.**

## What's Coming Up

11 October/5 November—Raukura Hauora o Tainui  
22 October—Level One Art folio boards due  
21 October—Orientation of Year 9 students for 2011  
22 October—Milo Cricket for Year 0-6  
25 October—Labour Day  
29 October—Level Two Art folio boards due  
28 October—Junior Tabloid sports at Te Uku school  
29 October—Year 4-6 choir to the Trust Hospital  
30 October—Senior Art Exhibition at Matapihi—10 am  
5 November—Jump Rope for Heart, Year 0-6  
5 November—Year 3/4 choir to Kindy  
9 November—Level Three Art folio boards due  
11 November—Year 10-13 NCEA Art Evening, 6pm  
18 November—Year 7/8 Kelly Tarlton Enviro Studies trip

### October 2010

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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# Agricultural Day

Braxton and I went to Te Uku school with our lambs Willow and Fluffy. We worked hard to train the lambs. We had to make sure they were clean, then we had to brush them. We were given a badge with a number to wear to help the judges. We had to show the judge how we lead our lambs around a marked out square. We also had to stand away from our lambs and call them to us before walking them around the square. We had to learn about our lambs and the judge asked some questions. Braxton came joint 4th for leading his lamb and I came second in the Rearing Section. By Alex Carter



## Milo Have A Go Cricket

Nicky Browne from Hamilton Cricket had cricket sessions with our Year 1-Year 6 students today. Nicky is keen to help us set up a 6 week after school (Wednesdays 3.15—4.30) cricket programme. We need parents to help us. Any child or parent interested and able to help, please contact Steph de Besten at school (825 8140) or at home (825 7219) in the evenings.

## Dental Clinic Update

Kia Ora Koutou

The School Dental Clinic will be closed for 3 weeks from 19 October. We will return on 8 November. We will be at Te Mata school for 2 weeks and Te Uku school for 1 week.

For emergency treatment, please call the Te Mata school on 825 6870 or leave us a message on the Raglan Clinic phone for non-emergencies and we will return your call upon our return. Thank you, Whaea Donna and Whaea Huria

## From Team Energize

SUPER SALADS

With summer just around the corner it's a great time to start having salads for lunch or dinner.


This term we will give you some new salad recipes and ideas to boost up your vege intake.





HINT:

Not every salad needs a dressing. The vegetables give plenty of flavour, so try giving it a miss! Mayo can have up to 80% fat!




# 7 & 10 YEAR OLDS

## ENERGIZE NEEDS YOU!

In 2011 Energize will be evaluated and we're recruiting children to participate. The evaluation will show how successful Energize has been at improving the health and fitness of children.

<b>When?</b>	During school time term 1, week 5-11, 2011. It will take about 20 minutes per child
<b>What?</b>	Physical: Height, weight, waist, build, pulse and blood pressure
Fitness:	550m run
Other:	Household questionnaire

If you're happy for your child to be involved then please complete the consent form when it comes home from school.



## Bits and Bobs

### Te Roopu Aroha Ki Te Reo Fundraiser

Kia ora whanau. TRAKTR have 2 fundraisers coming up in the next two weeks. 1. This Friday 22nd October - sausage sizzle at school speak to your child's teacher. 2. Saturday 30th of October - Monster Garage sale at school (signs will be posted). So support TRAKTR and shout your child a sausage and come buy a bargain at our garage sale.

Nga mihi  
Na te whanau o TRAKTR

### New in Term 4 - Tea and Toast Club

The Tea and Toast Club is a new breakfast café run by teachers and students. The aim of the café is to create a business venture that will teach students about money.

The café is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning from 8.30 to 8.45 am in (and outside) Laboratory H2.

A cup of tea costs 20 cents and two slices of toast with choice of spreads cost 50 cents. This Thursday we are also running a sausage sizzle (\$1). All students are welcome to be involved in the breakfast café – please see Mr C.

### Reminder

If you have moved recently, changed contact details, or emergency contact details, and you haven't let us know, please do so. You can phone us on 825 8140.

### Raglan Twilight Netball

We are back in to Twilight Netball. Get a team together, or come down and we'll see if we can place you in team. Thursday evenings, 5.30pm at Raglan Rugby Club. All welcome. For more info phone/txt Huria 021 187 8076.