



Raglan Area School

TE KURA A ROHE O WHAINGAROA

Kia ora and warm greetings to you all,

All of us will be connected in some way to the families and residents of Christchurch and we are keeping them in our minds at this time. The ongoing trauma, the enormous losses, the unsure future is in some part countered by no loss of life, for which we are all thankful. Many schools, and ours too, are carefully reviewing the procedures for earthquake alarms and we will be practicing them in the next few days with students.

Our congratulations are extended to Arna Rose Solomon who has been appointed to be the Deputy Principal at Glen Massey School. We wish Arna Rose every success in her new position. We are currently looking for a suitable replacement so that we can release Arna to this position. Racheal Milne has been granted leave by the Board of Trustees to work in Africa for a term. Andre Ngapo will take her place in Year 4 and 5; we believe this an excellent solution as he is an outstanding teacher and familiar to these students as he's been doing the classroom release time in the class all year.

National Standards continue to be a pressing discussion that is fueled by the media. What is clear to us is that there can be inspirational standards and that we are committed to lifting student achievement across the school. We also believe parents should know how their child is progressing with reference to both themselves and National Norms (achievement of all NZ

students of the same age/stage).

"This Government is lifting the bar for student achievement, which is why the Standards have been set higher than national averages, and parents should take this into account."

Press release Anne Tolley Monday 28 June *'This means that students who are currently working at national Norms for their age group may be reported as below the standard.'* (Malcolm Cox)

Mrs Tolley's response to action by NZ Principals, expressing doubts about aspects of the National Standards is to say that Principals are: "Scaremongering" "Grandstanding" "Being unprofessional" "Putting their students at risk" *'This seems to suggest that our concerns, (and the above is just one), are based on personal interest and not on the interests of students, I would beg to differ.'* (MC)

National Standards applied uniformly across every school at every age level are a hopelessly crude way of raising student achievement
John Hattie NZ herald 7 February 2010 *'The work of John Hattie can be googled for further useful reading.'* (MC)

Despite the furore we are committed, as I said earlier, to raising student achievement in our school. To this end, teachers are working hard to implement the National Standards and higher achievement expectations – and we plan to have a Teacher Only Day on October 11 (first day back next term) to work together on this. We plan another Teacher Only afternoon in Term 4, probably in the third or fourth week.

With warm regards to all,
Malcolm

Curriculum Update

Mapping

Over the last couple of years all NZ schools have been issued with a number of important booklets. They include the NZ Curriculum, Literacy Learning Progressions and, most recently, Mathematics Standards and Reading and Writing Standards for Years 1-8.

I hold copies of all of these in my office – don't hesitate to borrow them off me if you'd like to take them home to read.

Mapping our curriculum is another way of saying that we look at a range of these documents and using them all, decide what it looks like (at each Year level) when a student is achieving what is expected. These documents each provide a piece of the information – and it is a matter of us working as

a group to bring them together.

It takes a lot of time and concentrated effort and teachers are working long hours. Some of the mapping is being done in the evenings and weekends because it is the only time we can get groups of teachers together.

We will be doing curriculum mapping on our next Teacher Only Day, October 11, and will continue in the early weeks of Term 4. There is some pressure on us to get this part of the work complete – and then we will be revising our school reports in order to give you information about your child/teenager as clearly as possible.
Marlene (Smith)

Year 0-6 Happy Puku Ordering System

Next term Year 0-6 students, including TRAKTR, will be pre-ordering their morning tea/lunch before school. Parents will receive a copy of the Happy Puku menu in children's school bag. Please keep this at home, in a handy place. If you would like to order morning tea/lunch for your child put the money inside an envelope. Then, on the outside, write your child's name,

their order (clearly identify what is for morning tea and what is for lunch) and the amount enclosed. Try and give us the correct amount, although we can send change home.

More info coming.....

What's Coming Up

Year 0-6 Production of 'Once Upon a Time in Aotearoa' dates and times.

20 September—Dress rehearsal 11.20am

21 September—Performance for kindy, kohanga and country schools, 11.20am.

22 September—Performance for whole school and whanau . 11.20am—12.40pm.

23 September—Evening performances of 'Once Upon a Time in Aotearoa' - 6pm.

Thursday afternoons—Senior Art from 3pm—6pm in the art room, to complete painting/folia boards.

20/21/22 September—Snowboard Champs.

21 September—Pou Whaikorero

23 September—Year 7-10 Conference

24 September—End of Term 3

September 2010

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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Please Note: Teacher Only Day first Monday of next term.

Teacher Only Day, October 11 (first Monday next term). Please keep your children home that day - or advise us if this is difficult for you. School restarts on Tuesday 12 October 2010

KickStart Breakfast Programme

On Monday/Thursday mornings, before school, we have been running a free breakfast programme. We've been offering Weetbix and milk and/or a hot milky Milo. Thank you, Fonterra and Sanitarium. Most mornings we get a roomful of students (maybe because of the music, warmth, and good mood of the teachers?!!) Some of our guests are having a second breakfast, some want to have a Milo and hang out with their friends, some are getting off the bus and are ready to eat. The really good news is that we are going to continue to be supported by Fonterra and Sanitarium next term so the Kickstart Breakfast will continue. Maybe we'll go to cold smoothies instead of hot Milo? All are welcome!

Whaea Stevie, Whaea Kylie, Matua Joseph, Whaea Marlene

Look how we've grown

We thought you might be interested in some key KickStart Breakfast statistics, did you know:

- 401 schools run their own KickStart Breakfast club.
- Over 15,000 students kick-start their days every week.
- Over 25,000 breakfasts of Anchor Mega Milk and Weet-Bix are served every week.
- 88% of schools are in the North Island
- 60% of schools are primary schools



Sports News

Beach Ball Camp

We have a beach ball camp coming up in the school holidays on the 4th and 5th of October Year 7's and 8's students; and on the 7th and 8th it will be Year 9 and 10 students. The Beach Ball Camp will cover Beach Volleyball and Beach Football skills and drills for both sports during the day. It is a two day camp and the first day will focus on the skills of the games, the second day is going to be a mini competition between the kids who are at the camp.

Touch Rugby

"Touch" begins next term. If you have students interested in making a team to play in the Hamilton competition or you are keen to support or coach a team, let me know. \$30 per player, payable at the school office. For further information on either Beach Ball or Touch Rugby please contact Carla Eyre (Sportfit Coordinator) 021 2949861 or 825 7466

Western Zone Fishing Comp.

It all started when we all got handed a notice for fishing at Hamilton lake. I think everybody who got to go must have really wanted to because only the first 25 notices back got to go. When we all got to school we had a briefing of what we were going to do there. Whaea Sue said "yes, the 9th of September is here. First we'll get into car loads and then we'll be off". In my car load was Jahrence, Alex and me. Soon we arrived at Hamilton Lake, First we had a play on the playground. Then we had to walk around the lake a bit to the briefing. The last thing the man said was "happy fishing".

When we all had got our rods set up, we all dipped them in the water. There wasn't much happening until my float went under. It was very hard to reel it in. It was a cat fish. It was 680 grams. Then the call came it was time for prize giving. I was amazed to find out that my fish got me 3rd place. I won a blue rod. We got back and it was a good day's fishing.

Nathan Ellis

Show Time! Year 0-6

"Once Upon A Time In Aotearoa" will be showing next week. This Kiwi Culture 'tour de force' will surely be the performing arts highlight for our kura this year, as it involves more than one hundred and fifty keen and talented youngsters. On Tuesday at 12.30 the outlying schools and community groups are invited. On Wednesday at 11.20 our students and parent community are invited and then on Thursday at 6 pm all parents and community are welcomed. (Gold coin entry for all shows).

We would like to sincerely thank our principal sponsors, Bow Street Motors, Ray White, Raglan Four Square, Wainui Foodmarket, the Kirkwood Whanau, and rochelle@thetravelbrokers.co.nz. Also, many thanks to our other sponsors: Vinnies, Linda Holmes Photography, The Herbal Dispensary, Costas, Skoot, Blacksand Cafe, Flaxen, RUMA, United Video, Raglan Bakery, Glamour, Roll-Up, Harbourview Hotel, Raglan West Store, Nannies Takeaways, Fresh and Sweets, Raglan Pharmacy, Raglan Book and Gift, Burger Shack Organic, and West Coast Kitchens and Joinery. Andre Ngapo

Bits and Bobs

BALL PHOTOS

Ball photo CD's are ready for pickup. If you did not order one and now wish to buy one, please give your name and pay your money to the Office. Whaea Linda is also thinking about burning last year's ball photos, if you're interested in a copy, please let the office know.

AGRICULTURAL CLUB DAYS

Te Uku/Raglan Day—Thursday 14 October
Waitetuna Day—Thursday 14 October
Te Mata Day—Wednesday 13 October
The combined schools' Group Day will be held Saturday 16 October.

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!

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.

EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Tupperware is giving \$50 for every party held in the week 23 – 29 September. How would you like to help? Please contact me.

TUPPERWARE CONSULTANT
FRANSIE DU TOIT, (07) 825 4533
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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

LOST

Size 4 girl's Leopard fur coat. Been in the family for over 10 years. Please phone Kelli if you know where it is (0220149200) or drop it off at the