



Raglan Area School

TE KURA A ROHE O WHAINGAROA

Kia ora and warm greetings to you all,

We join with our community in mourning the passing of Dr Tom Ellison who has worked in this community, for 45 years, caring for whanau. Our condolences are extended to his wife and family as they grieve the loss of husband and father. Dr Tom will be sorely missed by generations of Raglan folk.

Our condolences are also extended to the Forbes family at the passing of Grace Forbes.

We have also been very concerned that Matua Enoka has been in hospital in serious condition and I know that the kura and kohanga reo along with many others in the community will be praying for a speedy and full recovery.

A 'polar blast' indeed and snow flurries in Raglan had us all talking. Maunga Karioi wore some white covering, though only for a short time, although I'm told the other side was more impressive. **This is a good opportunity for us to remind our youth to be keeping warm, and students would be wise to bring wind and rainproof jackets to school as the weather is unpredictable.** I do see young people walking to and from school and in sudden downpours getting very cold and wet. If this is on the way to school then they are miserably cold for school's start. Perhaps bringing a dry set of clothes would be a good idea.

The surfing academy teachers, Larry and Deane, tell me that it is warmer in the water. Yeah right! Last week the academy hosted the Secondary Schools Surfing Competition. This is always a very successful event and is a credit to their hard work.

The Teacher Only Day two weeks ago, provided opportunities for staff to network in other schools and to look at changes in learning across the whole of the Kura. **I would like to thank parents for their understanding and support during these days.** In the end the goal is to better support our students, and to continue to raise student achievement. Change in education is not always incremental but more often by mandated large steps. Currently we are working hard to make changes re the National Standards, changes to NCEA at Levels 1, 2 and 3, changes to the University Entrance qualifications - all of which place further demands on staff, time, and resources.

With warm regards to all,
Malcolm

NZQA Payments

We should have received all NZQA payments by now, they were due in at the school office on the 29th of August. If you have not paid, please phone the office immediately. For any queries, please phone Pauline Sweetman through the school office 825 8140.

Curriculum Update—NCEA

Did you see last newsletter's information about NCEA? Here's a bit more..

NCEAs are recognised by employers, and used for selection by universities and polytechnics, both in New Zealand and overseas.

- Each year, students study a number of courses or subjects. In each subject, skills and knowledge are assessed against a number of standards. For example, a Mathematics standard could be: *Apply numeric reasoning in solving problems.* Schools use a range of internal and external assessments to measure how well students meet these standards.
- When a student achieves a standard, they gain a number of credits. Students must achieve a certain number of credits to gain an NCEA certificate. There are three levels of NCEA certificate, depending on the difficulty of the standards achieved. In general, students work through levels 1 to 3 in Years 11 to 13 at school.
- Students are recognised for high achievement at each level by gaining NCEA with Merit or NCEA with Excellence. High achievement in a course is also recognised.

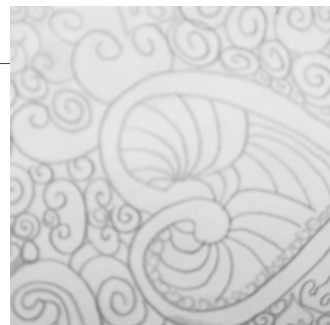
NZQA has a formal quality assurance process to ensure that the assessment of each standard is fair across all students, regardless of the school they attend. This includes internal moderation, external moderation and MNA system checks NCEA is a national qualification on the New Zealand Qualification Framework. Standards that secondary school students achieve as part of NCEA can be used as building blocks for other qualifications after they leave school.

Look for further information on <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/understanding-ncea/how-ncea-works/standards>

Please don't hesitate to phone Pauline, Gary, Quenten or me if you have any questions,

Marlene Smith
Deputy Principal

E4 Artwork



What's Coming Up

- September 5 - Hearing Vision testing.
- September 5 - KiwiSport Netball Give-it-a-Go day for Year 2-6.
- September 9 - You've Got the Power Year 0 -Year 8.
- September 16 Western Zone Fishing Contest Year 4 – Year 8.
- September 16 Duffy Theatre for Year 0-6, 10am in the hall

September 2011

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Art Room Update

Kia ora Whanau!

The art room is abuzz at the moment. There are some fantastic works currently being developed by our budding artists. Our senior art students are working hard to meet their deadlines for their external assessment, due on the last week of this term. The Level One students' theme is, 'Protecting My Place', Level Two students' theme is, 'My personal icons', and the Level Three students' focus is 'Papatuanuku'. After our fabulous trip to Wellington last term we all returned inspired and motivated to create and achieve well this year. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported us getting there and opening a door to a new world of art; without our local community's help we would have never been able to experience this.

In other art news within our school, our Year 7-10 students experienced two days of art workshops last week on Thursday and Friday where they had an opportunity to choose one of the following options, carving, clay work, dance, weaving and jewellery making. Thanks to everyone who gave their time and knowledge to share with our young artists.

All my current art classes are working on a design competition for 'Google'. They all have HOMEWORK to do for art in the next few weeks. The winners from our school are competing with other students, nationwide to win themselves a laptop! (and the art room a Smart Board!!).

Our Year 0-6 syndicate are also having a creative focus this term. All students in this area are currently creating art works to be exhibited at the end of term. We are planning two major exhibitions where works will be auctioned at the Old School Arts Centre under the Hammer on Friday the 30th of September, and a silent auction at Matapihi Gallery. Both exhibitions will be open to the public on Monday the 26th of September. All funds raised will be going directly to the students' art experiences and resources for future programmes. Watch this space!

If any of our whanau or community are interested in supporting any of the activities above, please give us a call!! We would gratefully welcome you aboard our arts focus this term.

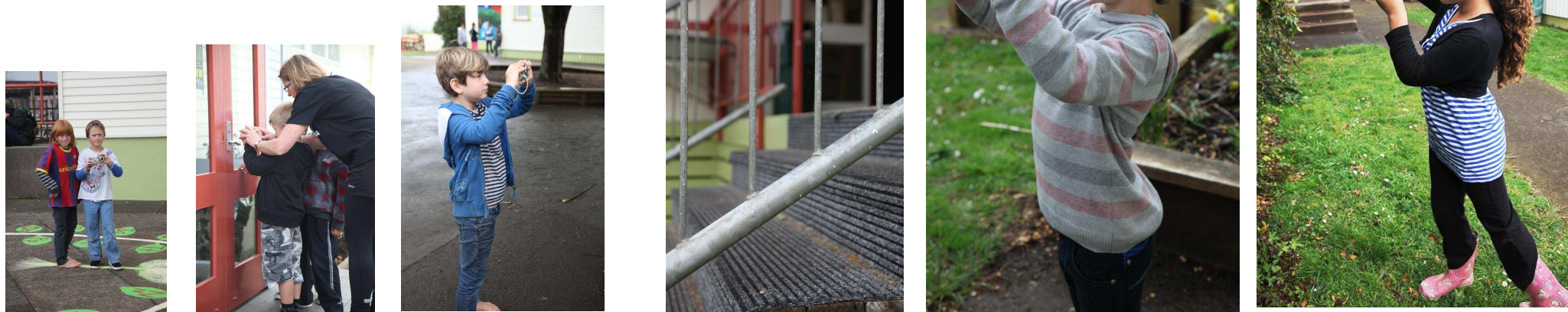
Whaea
Jeanette



E3 Photography

Our class E3 are experimenting with different aspects of art with a major focus on photography. The theme for our project is 'Raglan Icons'.

Whaea Annette



Bits and Bobs

School Records

Please don't forget to update your contact details at the school office regularly. In the event of an emergency, and without a current contact for you, your child is stuck...and so are we!!

Year 0-6 Calendars

All students in Years 0-6 have done art work that can be made into calendars, greeting cards or diaries. Order forms have been sent home. Please return to class teacher, with money by Friday 9th September. He artworks can be viewed in classrooms prior to ordering.

Many thanks
Whaea Celia, and Year 0-6 teachers.

Lost

Purple trainers, size 12, at school on Thursday 25 August. Please return to D2 or school office if found.

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