



Raglan Area School

TE KURA A ROHE O WHAINGAROA

Kia ora whanau and families of Te Kura a Rohe o Whaingaroa, Raglan Area School.

Aue Aue Aue, te mamae e!
Alas alas alas what sorrow!

As we join our community in mourning the loss of Richard Keremeta, I would like to extend to all of his whanau and his friends our sincere condolences and sympathy. Richard will be sorely missed by all who knew and enjoyed the company of this fine young man.

A sad event that starts our school year, however, it also highlights our strengths as a community and so I would extend a very warm welcome to you to Raglan Area School, to all returning students and whanau and particularly to those of you who are new to our community and our Kura, welcome, welcome, welcome.

On behalf of the school I would like to pay our respects and condolences to Joseph Rao and his family on the passing of his mother last week. We know that she will leave a great gap in the hearts of her whanau. We remember her as a gracious host who often opened her home to our students when we were competing as teams in the Tauranga area and where we enjoyed her manaaki and her aroha.

Welcome back to staff who have been on leave, including Matua Larry, and the return of his wife, Whaea Donna, as well as Whaea Sheree, Whaea Ariana, and Whaea Tracy. Welcome also to Matua Jason who is on staff this year working in the Year 3-4 area of the school, and Whaea Megan who will begin shortly in the Year 1-2 area.

Whaea Linda (Years 0-2) Whaea Hillary (Years 3-4) and Whaea Donna (Years 5-6) are the lead teachers through the English Medium primary area of the school. Gwyn Brodie (the Assistant Principal Years 7-10), Mrs Sweetman (the Assistant Principal Years 11-13) and Whaea Liz (the Assistant Principal for Te Ropu Aroha Ki Te Reo) are responsible for teams of teachers under the leadership of Deputy Principals Bronwyn Haitana and Quenten Browne.

This year is particularly significant as it is our 150th Jubilee year and the Sesquicentennial Jubilee (1866-2016) will be celebrated during Labour Weekend 22nd to 24th October 2016. Look to our website for further details as these come to hand from the steering committee.

Our senior students were collectively successful in their studies for 2015 with improvements in our statistics for Level 1 through Level 3 and, very pleasingly, we had a significant number of subject endorsements as well as several Excellence and Merit endorsements. We are delighted with our students' endeavours and successes and thank all those responsible for supporting their learning.

The Board of Trustees consulted with our community, contacting every family whose children attended our school, to gain an insight into their views regarding dress codes and uniforms for our school. The data is shared with you in this mail-out along with redeveloped guidelines and policies. While a formal uniform is not endorsed by the community feedback it is clear that the dress code needed clarification as did the wearing of PE Uniforms and Travel Uniform. These are also included in this mail-out.

The term dates for 2016 are:

Term 1 Tuesday 2nd February - Friday 15th April

(Monday the 1st was Auckland Anniversary and Monday the 8th is the holiday for Waitangi Day and Easter this year includes Good Friday March 25th through to and including Tuesday 29th March)

Term 2 Monday 2nd May - Thursday 7th July

Term 3 Monday 25th July - Friday 23rd September

Term 4 Monday 10th October - Thursday 15th December *(this allows for one further TOD during the Year yet to be decided)*

Newsletters are produced each fortnight and are available for viewing on the school's website. We have been asked to consider email versions and we are looking at the logistics for this also.

Nga mihi
Malcolm

Board of Trustee Announcement

Kia Ora Koutou! Welcome to 2016. Late last year the Board of Trustees consulted with our school community to establish whether the community supported a dress code or a school uniform (of some description) for those students enrolled at Raglan Area School. Thank you to all families who took the time to return the consultation and offer feedback/suggestions.

The Board issued 344 consultation documents to eligible participants. They received a response rate of 28%, with 149 students being represented.

The official results of the consultation are as follows:-

52% of respondents opted for Option 1 (dress code) as their first choice
28% of respondents opted for Option 2 (partial uniform) as their first choice

14% of respondents opted for Option 3 (full regulation uniform) as their first choice

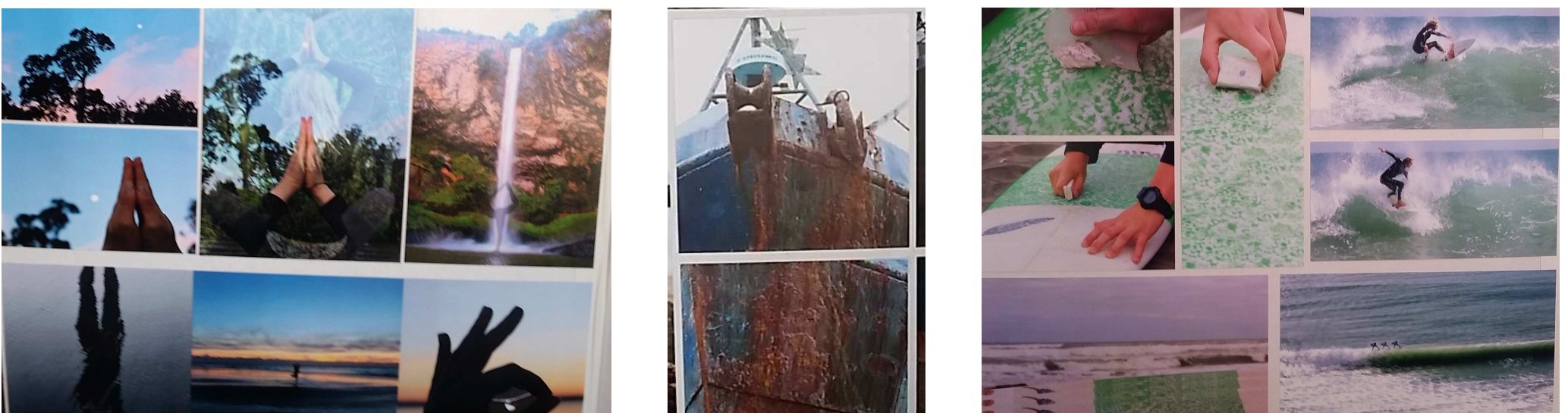
5% of respondents opted for Option 4 (formal dress uniform) as their first choice.

At a meeting held 26th January 2016, the Board of Trustees made an unanimous decision to retain the dress code that currently operates within the school. Factors taken into consideration included the low response rate, and of those that did respond, over half were supportive of a dress code. The approved dress code for Year(s) 0 – 13 have been included with this newsletter. At this same meeting, the Board also approved introduction of a new PE Uniform Top for Years 7-13 while retaining the existing PE shorts. A uniform T-Shirt will be required for all students in Year 0-6.

We are allowing an amnesty until the end of Term 1 so families can budget, plan and transition into the new uniform requirements. Full compliance will be required by the beginning of Term 2. Purchase information and sizing options will be made available in the next newsletter.

Nga Mihi
Mel Brydon
Board of Trustees Chairperson

Pieces from 2015 Level 3 Art



Flipt

Surfside Church is running their FLIPT programme for primary school age children again this year. This is a fun programme with games, craft and some values based teaching via DVD. The children will also receive a healthy snack on arrival. It will run once a week on a Wednesday afternoon for 6 weeks starting Wednesday 24th February until Wednesday 30th March. Start time is 3.00pm and finishing at 4.30pm. It is to be run at the Surfside Church facility at Te Uku. Parents are invited to give a Koha towards the cost of running the programme and the craft their children will bring home when they drop off or pick their children up.



SURFSIDE
CHURCH + RAGLAN

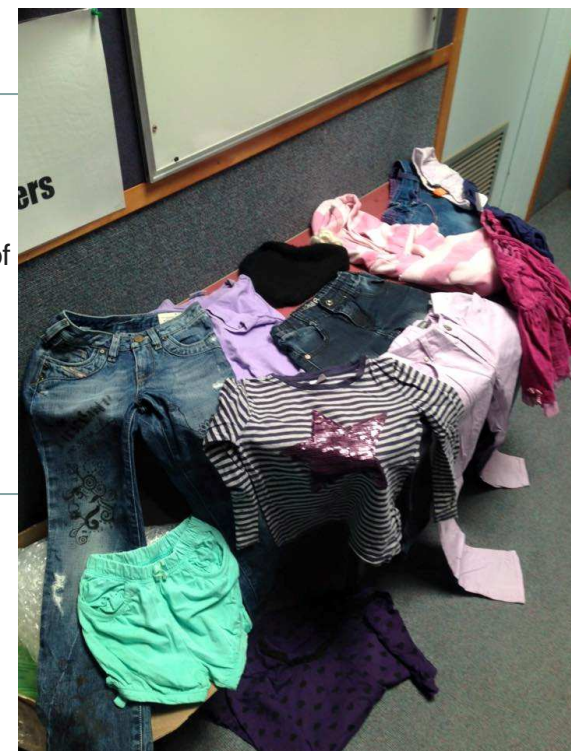
A Surfside van will be available to transport children from Raglan Area School at approx 2.30pm on the day. Please let us know if you require this service. Only those children who have registered with us will be transported. This van is also available to return your children to Raglan homes afterwards if required. Again please let us know if you require this service. If your child requires a booster seat please make one available for us to use. You may contact us at the numbers below to co-ordinate handing over the seat if required.

Any enquiries and registrations to Surfside Church office on 8255199, email info@surfside.co.nz or the FLIPT Co-ordinator, Janet Peart on 8255855, email janet.peart@surfside.co.nz or txt 0211040245.

Lost Property

Summer means lots of swimming and everyday we find clothing and towels left in the pool area! Please go to the school office if you want to view or collect clothing items. Currently there is a small collection of mainly 5-7 year old girls and boys clothing. If clothing is not collected within two Terms it will be donated to a good cause.

To help clothing, shoes, towels etc find their way home we recommend you clearly naming everything.
Nga mihi Whaea Angela and Whaea Jeanette



Raglan Theatre Academy

Raglan Theatre Academy - Drama Trix Drama classes are taking enrolments for 2016. Classes are available on Mondays and Tuesday after school for 6 -16 year olds. Term 1 start week of 15th February. Email: dramatrixkids@gmail.com or Phone: 02102365605 for more details and to enrol.

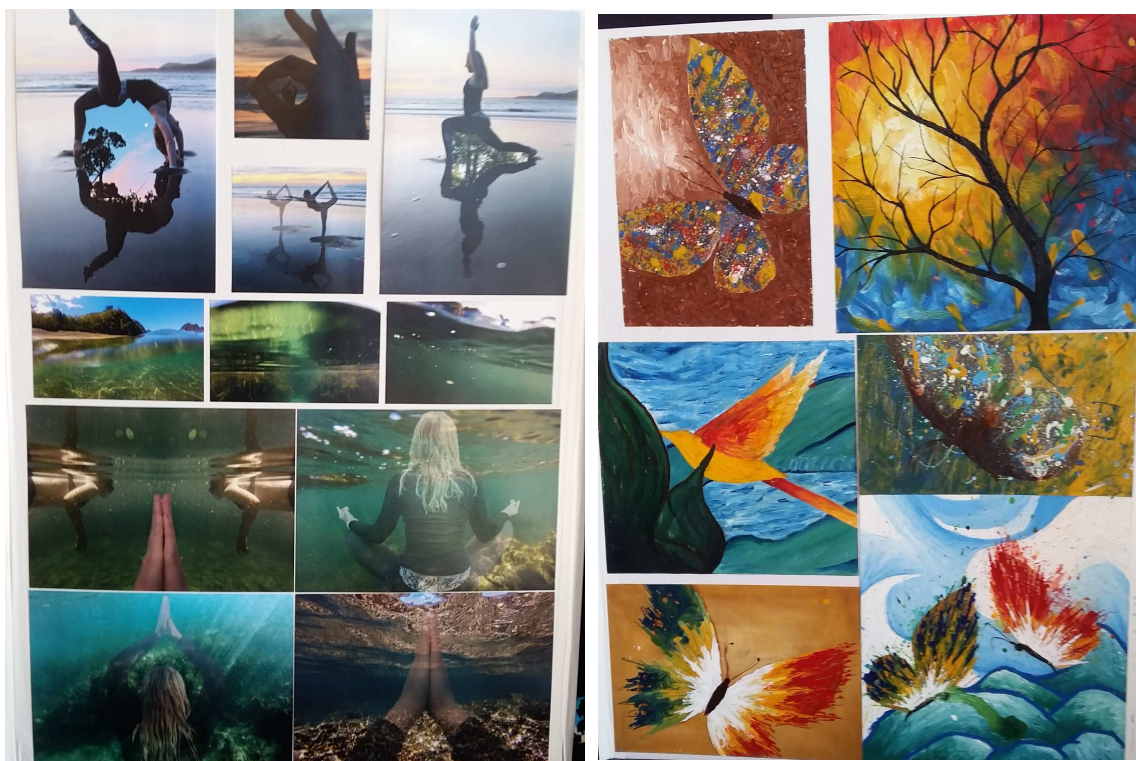
Art in our School

Kia ora whanau and friends of Raglan Area School. Welcome back to 2016 Term 1. The weather is fine, perfect for getting out in our beautiful environment and taking photos and drawing.

I would like to acknowledge all the students from our senior Art classes last year. We had a very strong group of Level 2 and 3 Photography students, who all passed their folio boards with considerably high grades. I was very proud of all their work. I look forward to seeing our current Level 3 students developing their understanding and approach to their learning through to this year as well.

I would like to share with you all some examples of our Level 3 Folio boards. I also wish these young adults well on their future journeys, beyond our school gates and out into the big wide world. I also hope they continue to make Art, solve problems creatively and enjoy their passion. It was my privilege to teach you all and I have learnt so much along the way.

Nga mihi Whaea Jeanette



LOOKING AHEAD

13/14 Feb - Billabong Grom Series Surf comp at Whangamata

23 Feb - Athletics

23 Feb- BoT Meeting in the Board Room at school. 7.30pm

26 Feb Western Cluster Cricket Year 5/8

2 March - Year 0-6 Swimming Sports

2 - 10 March - Life Ed Bus

4 March - Western Cluster Go - Set - Go Year 1/2

4 March - Billabong Grom Series Surf Comp - Piha

10 March - Year 9-13 Athletics at Te Awamutu

11 March - Rip Curl Pro Surf Comp New Plymouth

2016 Term Dates

Term 1	2 February - 15 April
Term 2	2 May - 8 July
Term 3	25 July - 27 September
Term 4	10 October - 15 December