



Raglan Area School

TE KURA A ROHE O WHAINGAROA

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

The Jubilee committee, formed of volunteers and with Board representation, has now met several times and last year settled on Labour Weekend for a Reunion. Advertising has begun and our website will be carrying more details and shortly have registration information. In relation to this event the Raglan Museum is putting together an exhibition on early schooling in the district that will coincide with the Labour Weekend Reunion. They are looking at the rohe including this side of the Waipa River and from the northern shores of Aotea Harbour to Te Akau.

They would be interested in having access to, or having loan of, memorabilia to display or to copy. The intent is to create a lively and informative exhibition so examples of furnishings, school equipment, uniforms, student work, and records of significant events would be appreciated. If you can support in some way please contact the Raglan Museum or a committee member.

In the last newsletter I introduced to you the student leadership team, we have since added Tatiana Keefe and Se'arn Tahere as Sports Captains. Congratulations to Ella (Head Girl), Mikayla (Deputy Head Girl), Joshua (Head Boy) and Ziggy (Deputy Head Boy).

I am sure that many of you are aware of the changes that are being implemented across the nation with regards to the Health and Safety Act and the Vulnerable Children's Act. One of these is the very careful screening of adults working with our youth so that appointments to staff are rigorously screened, police vetted, and identity checks are cross-referenced.

Please do not allow our practices of care, requests for identification, and in some cases, requests for police vetting (for those working regularly and closely with our students) to cause offence or to be a barrier to sup-

porting the school. We are also ensuring that those parents who volunteer to drive vehicles with students have full licenses and that the vehicles are registered and warranted.

Congratulations to Samantha (Sam) Cowley who has been appointed to the position of Sport Coordinator for Raglan Area School. In this role Sam will support our students to further engage in sport and recreational activities within the school and the wider community.

The March 1st Roll Return has been sent to the Ministry and our roll, estimated by the ministry last year at 456, is actually 482. This is a significant increase that is reflected across the whole of the school and when confirmed will generate further staffing opportunities and further funding. One area of pleasing growth has been in our very senior areas with increased retention of seniors as well as the return of a number of ex students who have achieved pleasing results 'over the hill' and have chosen to return to complete their education with us.

The Ministry of Education has sought our Board of Trustees' support for a small roopu of nineteen Rumaki students based in a Satellite class based in Nawton, Hamilton. This will be for the period of time that the Ministry needs to go through a consultation process with communities and schools in Hamilton. There are some administrative implications for us however it will not impact on either our teaching staff or our students. It will however artificially elevate our roll during that period to over 500 students.

We have been enforcing the schools dress code as advised to parents in a mail-out to all whanau at the beginning of the year. I am pleased to report that the vast majority of our students are appropriately dressed for school and the most common reminder is for student to be wearing sleeved tops at school. Could you please ensure that our students do have an appropriate T shirt. Singlets and sleeveless tops are not suitable for school except for playing in team events such as basketball.

Nga mihi

Malcolm

Karioi Classic Bike Ride

3rd Annual Kids Karioi Classic Bike Ride

A bike ride just for kids! Nau mai, haere mai!

The Kids Karioi Classic bike ride is back! Please join us for a *fun* bike ride on Saturday 16th April 2016 at 10am. To register you must complete a registration form and pay the \$5 entry fee. You can register at the Cyclery Raglan, in Bankart Street, anytime between now and the event. You can also complete the registration form and give it to Keri Oetzel or, register on the day at the Raglan Area School Hall between 8am & 9am. You can get registration forms from your teachers, at Trade Aid, and at the bike shop. Here are the details of the ride:

The bike ride will be held at the Raglan Area School rugby field. We will have a special track just for 5 year olds! There will be a 4km track for 6-10 year olds (a fun ride around the rugby field and along Kaitoke bush track). The ride for 10-15 year olds is 8km (following the same track as the 4km). The track will be well marked, and we will have marshals in

place for the entire ride. Categories of riders will be 5, 6 & 7, 8-10, and 11-15 year olds and riders will begin according to age, meaning that 6 & 7 year olds will ride with other 6 & 7 year olds. Don't miss out! It was a super fun event last year! And, tell your parents that they can get involved too! We need help on the day with supporting riders & marshalling.

This year we fundraising for Raglan Area School and all proceeds will be donated to the school! All bike riders must have a helmet, shoes, and a bike. If you need help getting your bike in working order, go see Dirk at the Cyclery Raglan bike shop.

If you have questions about the ride, please phone Keri @ 027 508 4844.

See you on the track!
Keri, Dirk, and Lisa



Bake Sale for Refugee...

The Year 12 Social Sciences classes are organizing a social action. We have chosen to raise awareness and money for the Syrian refugees by organizing a Bake Sale on Monday 21 March.

Over the next two and a half years 750 Syrian refugees will resettle in New Zealand. 75 have already arrived, these people are coming from a war torn country. Most of the refugees come from normal and educated lives but now live in poverty. We want to help refugees to enjoy their new lives in New Zealand.

We would love it if you would be able to contribute to the bake sale by bringing in some baking to support the many Syrian refugees coming into New Zealand. This baking can be brought to us outside the hall before school on Monday (21st). Baking could include cupcakes, cookies and slices. All the money made from the Bake Sale will be donated to the Red Cross Refugee Resettlement Programme.

Please bring baking on a disposable plate or in a labeled container which can be collected after 3pm on Monday afternoon from outside the school office.

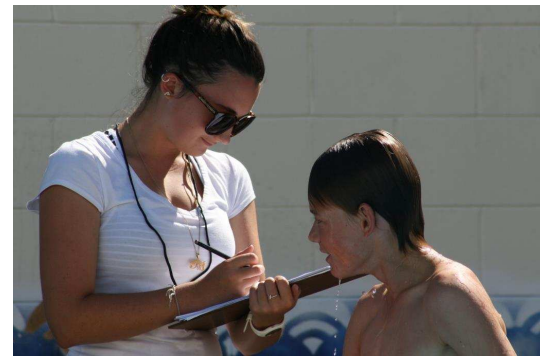
Your contribution would be greatly appreciated.

Regards

Ruby Roberts and Liberty Bradshaw
Year 12 Social Sciences
Raglan Area School

Baking will be for sale at the school hall at interval and lunch on Monday the 21st of March.

Year 7-13 Swimming Sports



Up and Coming Barista Course

The Food Technology Department are excited to announce a new course to be offered to Senior Food Technology students. We are currently seeking funding to purchase the necessary machines and should be ready to begin next term. This course offers skills and knowledge in the Coffee Making Business and will provide students with the qualifications (8 credits at Level 2) to work locally or afar.

Stevie Gardiner
Teacher In Charge



Artist Visits E1

Kirsten Lavers is an artist based in England, (she's also Matua Liam's Mum !) who makes drawings called Admitting the Possibilities of Error. She starts each drawing with a perfect circle which she repeatedly attempts to copy as perfectly as she can including any mistakes or wobbles she may have made. Kirsten spent the day with E1 showing them some of her drawings and talking about how mistakes are not always so terrible, sometimes they can lead to an amazing invention or at the very least help us to learn. Did you know that post-it notes and cornflakes were invented because of a mistake? Kirsten spent time chatting with each student and used their pens and pencils to create a drawing which she has given to E1. In the afternoon everyone had a go at making their own Admitting the "Possibilities of Error drawing" and Kirsten was very impressed by the work. She says "I really enjoyed my day working alongside E1 - I wish them all lots of wonderful possibilities from their mistakes in this coming school year"

If you'd like to see more of Kirsten's work you can visit her website at www.kirstenlavers.net or like her facebook page [facebook.com/atpoe](https://www.facebook.com/atpoe)



LOOKING AHEAD

22 March Yr 11-13 Pizza and Movies school Hall 7-9pm \$5 entry see flyer see Whaea Jeanette
 22 March BOT Hui 7pm @ RAS Board Room
 23 March League 9s in Ngaruawahia see Matua Q
 23 24 March E1 survival camp
 24 March 0-2 swimming sports
 24 25 March Year 8 camp Mussel Rock see Matua Pete
 25 March Good Friday
 28 March Easter Monday
 31 March L3 English to Auckland
 2 April end of daylight savings
 5 April Year 9/10 Wills Sports leadership day see whaea Gwyn
 6 7 8 April Waka Ama Nationals Rotorua see Matua Q
 7 April Wintec open day Yr 10-14
 8 April WC softball @ Te Kopua
 12 April Yr 9-13 WSS swim champs @ waterworld see Hans

2016 Term Dates

Term 1	2 February - 15 April
Term 2	2 May - 8 July
Term 3	25 July - 23 September
Term 4	10 October - 15 December

Bits and Bobs

SWIMCLUB LESSONS -Easter break
 There will be no lessons on 25th & 26th March - Good Friday & Easter Saturday. Enjoy the Easter break. Lessons resume Tuesday 29th March. Lessons end 16 April, 2016. Thank you

MONDAY LUNCH TIME FUNDRAISER
 For Waka Ama

CHANGE OF ADDRESS Just a reminder, if you have changed your postal address or contact details, please let the office know.