



# Raglan Area School

## TE KURA A ROHE O WHAINGAROA

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

Anzac day (25<sup>th</sup> April) is again in the school holidays. I believe as usual our service will be at 11a.m. Most of our Student Leadership Team will be present and we have been asked again that representatives speak for us. This year it will be Ella and Ziggi who will speak on our behalf. The 161 Battery will be represented on the day. They were one of the three batteries that made up the 16<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment (Korea). We believe that the 161 will also be present at our 150<sup>th</sup> Jubilee and be present in the town over that Labour weekend.

The dress code continues to be appropriately worn and the uniform elements will become compulsory on 1<sup>st</sup> June. Please be aware that existing PE uniforms and Year 0-6 T-shirts remain as suitable and meet the codes. There are changes and these can be transitioned in as whanau decide. There are a few of the older style PE shorts and shirts that may be purchased from the school at very good prices. You would need to be quick.

Liam Dingle is to be congratulated as he recently organized the Shave for a Cure and Wacky Hair Day fund-raisers. Four students nominated to be shaved and another lost her long locks. Thanks to these volunteers we have raised a significant amount to this worthy, and for some of us very personal, cause. Liam has set a personal goal of three hundred dollars. You can still support the cause by going to <http://www.shaveforacure.co.nz>

[www.shaveforacure.co.nz](http://www.shaveforacure.co.nz) where you can search for Liam if you choose. At last glance he had raised \$210. Junior students also supported with wacky hair dos and raised supporting funds towards the cause. Altogether this demonstrated a grand and altruistic effort.

The Board of Trustees has just signed off on the property agreement for works. This has taken some time however the junior block and hall upgrades are now back on track as is the upgrading of the toilets in the pool area, provision for upgrading C block, the refurbishing of the dental clinic as a student services area, upgrading K block, the art room and other minor works.

The school has consulted with local hapu and iwi looking to the development of a waharua as a new entrance into the school. Currently local artist and carvers are considering the design of this waharua to reflect the school values and the area will be redesigned with input from the school and community to create a welcoming space.

Nga mihi

Malcolm

## Introducing our new Sports Fit Coordinator

Kia ora koutou! My name is Sam Cowley and I'm super excited and feel very privileged to be given the role of Sport Fit Coordinator for this awesome school. My heritage is Samoan & NZ Pakeha, Tokoroa born but grew up in Cambridge in a sporting family. I've lived in Whangaparaoa, Wellington, Cornwall in England then 7 years in the Perth Hills and now we're blessed to call Whaingarua home and have done for almost two years.

My partner Shane and I have four amazing kids aged 19, 8, 5 & 18 months. Yes, those are some crazy age gaps but we wouldn't have it any other way!

My eldest son Jacob is playing rugby in Wales (England) in an academy squad for a team called Llanelli Scarlets. We miss him loads but tautoko him for putting himself out there and following his dreams. Rugby has been a huge part of my upbringing actually, I played at high school and club level for Silverdale, while my brother Tim has made a career of it, travelling the world, representing North Harbour then on to Manu Samoa and lastly for a French team in Bourgogne. He has hung up the boots but still lives in Bordeaux with his wife and two beautiful boys. I guess I'm bringing them up to show any young people that are considering a career in sport, that it is a real, attainable goal and there are networks of people to help you if you have the desire and the drive. We were taught as kids that anything is possible and we gave everything a go. I've played representative Touch Rugby and Netball as well as zones Athletics and was in my top school teams for Netball, Rugby, Touch Rugby & Basketball. There aren't many sports I haven't tried out and now I get to help connect youth to all the joy that being involved with sport can bring. And that's why I'm so excited!

Outside of the sporting arena, I enjoy cooking (almost as much as I enjoy eating). I love music, I'm learning Te Reo with the beautiful Neria at Poihakena Marae and I'm soaking up all the greatness Whaingarua has to offer! Definitely stop me and say hi if you see me out with my family,

we are happy to be part of the extended whanau of Raglan Area School and look forward to meeting and greeting you all. I'm keen to watch and support all the sporting activities happening through the school and if you have any ideas or questions then bring it on! Ultimately I'm here for the students to make stuff happen, form supportive networks and have some fun along the way!

Thank you all for your warm welcome so far.

Nga mihi

Sam



I've actually had another beautiful baby since this pic, but this one is the latest one of us together that isn't a car selfie!



# Sports Round-Up

## WAKA AMA

**Te Wānanga o Aotearoa National Secondary School Waka Ama Championships 2016** started on Tuesday 5 April with Sean Dillon placing 5<sup>th</sup> in the Plate Final for the Under 19 Boys 250 metre race. A massive effort, huge congrats to Sean!

Our teams have now headed over to Lake Tikitapu (Blue Lake), Rotorua to compete, all results can be found at <http://liveresults.co.nz> Good luck and kia kaha to our 3 Waka Crews!

## RUGBY

We are having our **Rugby Muster** on **Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of April at 3.30pm** on the School Field. Please bring your boots, water and suitable training gear. If players can't attend this muster please let us know. Contact Sam by email: [sport\\_coordinator@raglanarea.school.nz](mailto:sport_coordinator@raglanarea.school.nz) or phone or text p.021 051 0911.

## SWIMMING SPORTS

Congratulations to Ngaramai Elliot-Rooney, Leilani Goodall, Charlie Irvin, Conor McLennon, Najade Schepel and Joshua Wallis They have qualified to compete in the Waikato Secondary Schools Swimming Champs to be held at Waterworld, Te Rapa, Hamilton on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of April.

## NETBALL

**Year 9 – 13 Netball Muster for Raglan Sport Netball Club** is happening on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> of April at 2pm at the Raglan Rugby Club**. To keep up to date with Raglan netball join their public group on Facebook 'Raglan Sport Netball Club'. They also have teams for Years 5, 6, and 7/8 this year, if you have missed the muster please contact Sam 021 051 0911 asap.

**SPORTS HOODIES - If you have ordered a Sports Hoodie, can you please pay your money to the office.**

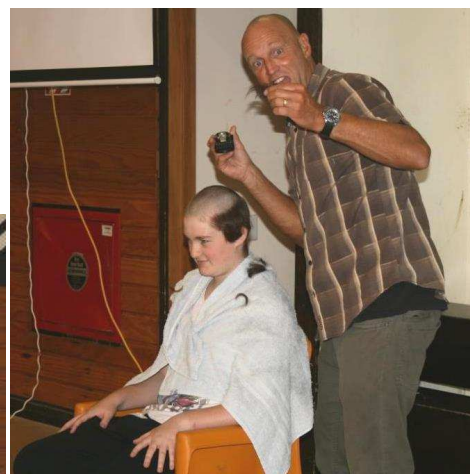
# Year 11 and 12 Social Science Social Actions

Student led social actions at RAS created some exciting and interesting learning opportunities for our students as part of their assessment in the Social Sciences.

Students raised over 100 dollars for Refugees coming to NZ through a bake sale.

Another group organized a Sumo Slam Competition fundraising for starship hospital. Sadly I was beaten for the first time in this competition. They raised \$120. Other groups organized events including a movie for the Yr5 and 6s raising awareness and fundraising for deforestation. A group also organized a sevens touch tournament for the Year 7 and 8 students fundraising for the victims of the Fiji Cyclone.

I would like to thank all the parents and students who supported these events. Our students showed great leadership in organizing these events and have shown that young people can actively change our world.



## Bits and Bobs

### School Photos

Photo day is the 6th of May. Ordering envelopes will be sent home with your children. Please note, that the money goes to the PhotoLife, it doesn't go to the school so please make sure you have the right money in the envelope, or cheques are made out to PhotoLife. As in the past, photos for student ID cards will be taken on the day and must be paid on the day (\$8.50 must be paid on the day).

## LOOKING AHEAD

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  
13 14 15 April Area Schools selection Te Awamutu

## 2016 Term Dates

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