



Raglan Area School

TE KURA A ROHE O WHAINGAROA

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

Those of us who attended ANZAC day this year noted a larger number of community involved and I was very proud of our two senior leaders that spoke, Ella and Ziggi personalized the memorial service with accounts of their own families engagement in war and the consequences of that on their families and I would like to thank them both for representing us so well.

Planning is well underway for our 150th Jubilee reunion over Labour weekend this year. You can check the website for further details and the registrations will be live for use shortly. Currently three local carvers / artists are preparing and carving the pare for a waharoa that is to be installed and formally blessed during the reunion weekend. Our thanks also go to Fred Lichtwark and his crew for their generous donation of a large tree to be planted for the jubilee.

On the right of the entrance into the school beside the hall where the waharoa will be placed is a garden which has several kauri growing together in a grove. Recently it became apparent to me that not everyone

knows that this is a memorial garden for all of those young students who have passed away while they were still pupils at this school. There is a sign on the wall that refers to the memorial garden as He Maara Haumana (Literally a garden for Reminiscing) and with the seat is a place to sit and reflect on our loved ones lost to us.

Tonight the Board Sub-committee for Property is meeting to advance the progress of several projects not least of which is the pool changing sheds and toilets. Members of the swimming club will be present for these discussions as we work to ensure collaboration and good communications with the club. This is then, a fitting time for me to acknowledge the work that they do for our community and for the school. The investments of time and money is most appreciated.

Nga mihi

Malcolm

PE Uniforms

In the last newsletter I advised that the school dress code continues to be appropriately worn with few indiscretions. I also advised that the NZ Uniform shop anticipated having their website ready to order PE uniforms in the second week of the term break. They have apologized for their late start however the website is now up and running, and ready to use. Please note that temporarily the images do not carry our logos however anything ordered will have the appropriate logos and the images on. Their website will be updated shortly. Go to NZ Uniforms, select the tab for Select your school or club and scroll down to Hamilton on the left and then you can select Raglan Area School. From there you can tab to school uniform and go shopping. Most categories have two images, one for children's sizes and one for adult's sizing.

At this point the senior PE uniform is the only element that is compulsory and we will extend the period of transition to day 1, Term 3 to compensate for the late startup of the website. The BOT has approved the PE shirt design and these are currently being manufactured.

There are some elements on the new PE top that will be familiar yet different including the reworking of the tohu for our values into a 'taniwha' across the shoulders. Shown below from the right: the manaia for Kaitiakitanga; in the centre, Whakawhanaungatanga; and on the left Manaakitanga forming a taniwha.

This image is used in a number of ways on the new shirt and is absolutely unique to our kura.

By way of a visual accident we also discovered that with some relocating we can also present this 'taniwha' in a vertical form. In this form it is more easily recognised by some viewers. I expect that we see more of these forms incorporated into the visualization of our values.

Nga mihi

Malcolm



**Board of Trustees Election Nominations Close at 12 Noon
20 May 2016**

Sports Round-Up

Fun Run - Tough Guy/Gal Challenge North Waikato Cluster competition for the shield is underway! This event has been moved to 3 June. If anyone is interested please contact Sam in the office or sport_coordinator@raglanarea.school.nz

Waka Ama

Kia ora te whanau

Last month 19 students attended the National Waka Ama event held at Lake Tikitapu in Rotorua.

We trained twice weekly for 7 weeks, attended regionals in Te Awamutu and some weekend trainings before we left for Rotorua.

We went with the goal of improving our placings from last year's bowl final and achieved this by making two plate finals, and could have been 3 finals based on times.

We were unable to bring home medals this year but improved in each race.

In the boys final 1 second was the difference between 1st and 5th our final place.

In the girls race 1 second separated 1st from 6th missing a medal by 400ths of a second.

I would like to thank Whaingaroa Hoe Waka for sharing their coaching expertise and equipment, in particular I would like to thank Matt Dillon and Lana and Conan Herbert from the club for their time and trying to fit in with school and other sports our kids are involved with.

I would like to thank our sponsors, without whom, we would not have been able to afford to go.

Of note:

- Raglan Multi Sport Trust for their \$500 sponsorship contribution towards entry fees and associated costs
- Mc Donald's Te Awamutu for hamburger patties
- Ari and Ben Millward for sausages and mince
- Xfit Raglan for pudding
- Sheryl Rangiawha for our water
- Margret Dillon for organizing our raffles and baking stall, taking our photos and donating the nachos

Thanks also to Ari and Te Hina for managing our girls teams and again to Matt for coaching the boys, attending our managers meetings and organising our duties while at the event.

They say many hands make light work and this is certainly true for waka ama 2016. We look forward to the distance races later in the year and then on to 2017.

Senior Get2Go Challenge!

Senior (Year 11-13) Get2Go Challenge is coming up in Rotorua on 26 May.

This event will be great fun, and is for all levels of skill/experience. It will be a great 'next step' for any students that have previously taken part in a Junior Get2Go event, but this is certainly not a prerequisite. The event is timed to enable you to travel to/from the event on the day of the event, with the briefing at 10.00am and race between 10.30am-1.30pm.

More info and the link to the online registration form can be found here –

<http://www.hillaryoutdoors.co.nz/seniorget2go/>

The event is for teams of 4 students and each team will need two mountain bikes.

If you're interested contact Sam asap
sport_coordinator@raglanarea.school.nz

Coaching Course:

Free: There is an Effective Communication in Coaching workshop on Monday 6.30pm – 8.30pm on 16 May by Sports Waikato, Brian Perry Sports House, 51 Akoranga Road, Hamilton.

Please register by email to guys@sportwaikato.org.nz. For more info contact Guy Schwikkard on 07 858 5388.

Softball

Are there any year 9/10 students that play softball and would be interested in joining a composite team to compete at the Secondary Schools Junior Nationals this year? Contact me for more details.

sport_coordinator@raglanarea.school.nz

Winter sports have arrived! Wishing you all an awesome, safe and successful season ahead! A huge thank you to our Coaches, Managers and supporters, we couldn't get off the ground without you. We're so grateful to have you all. Let me know if I can be of any help throughout the season.

Sam

2016 Gwynne Shield Trials

2016 Gwynne Shield trials: PANTHERS

Sunday 15th May & Sunday 22nd May at Swarbrick Park.

9.15 - 1.00 pm approx.

Calling all skilled rugby players. Think you've got what it takes?

Please bring: boots, mouth guard, drink bottle, smile, determination and a great attitude.

Coaches please send details of your nominated players

Eg: School, name, age, position etc to Sandra.

If your coach has not nominated you, don't panic! Come along on the day anyway. You must attend both trial dates. If you can not, please advise Sandra.

For more info contact Sandra Jennings
kiwifem@gmail.com



Predator Trapping Around The School

This term Pete Maloney and his Year 8 class have been setting up a rat and stoat trap line on the schools bush track which will help with predator control of rats and stoats around the school. A total of 17 rat traps (in protective tunnels) and 9 stoat traps (in locked wooden boxes) were deployed by the students, marked, baited and their location confirmed by GPS. Students will be checking the traps weekly and recording their catches.

The traps are part of the Karioi Maunga ki te Moana project - *Backyard* program that invites local residents, landowners and our local school to become part of the expanding network of traps covering over 2000 hectares from the mountain to the sea - by everyone doing their bit on their own land. For more info see www.karioimaunga.co.nz - or check out the Karioi Maunga Facebook page.

It is important that all students and parents are aware of the traps around the school, do not touch them without permission or supervision and if you have any questions contact kristel.vanhoute@arocha.org

Karioi Maunga ki te Moana project also runs the popular after school program Karioi KIDS and will be piloting a new program Karioi RANGERS - for students focussed around outdoor conservation activities this term - to be advertised soon..



E3 Has Fun Making Catapults

Bang! The missile hit the rocky court. Bang! Another missile hit the court. Our class, E3, has been learning about inventions and machines so we made some catapults.

Earlier in the week we thought about why catapults were invented. We think they were invented so that people could throw further than they could if they were just using their arms, and so they could stay away from their enemies.

We paired up and built our own catapults using lots of different materials. Once we had finished, we tested them and measured how far different missiles went. One of the missiles we used was a marble. The longest distance reached was 1247cm! We also used a paper ball. The longest distance reached with this was 872cm. We think the marble travelled further because it was heavier.

By Isa Dobbins and Natalia Meek.



Bits and Bobs

LUCKY BOOKS

Just a reminder that the last day for this round of Lucky Book orders is Friday the 27th of May.

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NZQA - Yr11-13 Financial Assistance forms available at the office

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Don't forget to let us know if you've moved house. We still get lots of envelopes returned to us when we do a "mail out".