



# Raglan Area School

## TE KURA A ROHE O WHAINGAROA

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

Wendy Girling has held the School Nurse position at Raglan Area for the last few years and will be finishing in this position at the very beginning of Term Three. Wendy has been a strong advocate and carer for our students many of whom will be saddened to see her leave us. She is not only our nurse but also part of an extraordinary pastoral team who, along with our counselors, Public Health Nurse and Social Worker in Schools, support our staff and students most effectively. Briony Kirk our Social Worker is also leaving us shortly, (another loss to the team), and her replacement is being currently negotiated by Family Works Hamilton who are the employing agency for this position. We wish them both well in their new positions.

I would like to thank Rob Kirkwood for his very generous support of our senior rugby team. Rob has donated a practice strip for our team and socks and shorts for our senior team games. Rob, as you know, is a local character/surfer with twins currently attending our school and manages MTF Vehicle Finance in Hamilton.

The NZ Uniform shop now has all of the garments available on their web-

site for ordering and while the images have yet to be updated with the graphics orders can now be placed. The PE uniform for all Yr 7-10 and for Yr 11-13 in PE classes will be compulsory from the beginning of Term Three.

Planning continues for our 150<sup>th</sup> Jubilee reunion over Labour weekend. Registration forms are available from the school and via the web page.

**Community Soup Days** are being organized as an opportunity for our community to share 'delicious goodness'. This is an open invitation to all in our community and is being organized by local community groups, the first week by Poihakena Marae kaumatua, the second by the Swimming Club and so on. **This Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June at the Town Hall supper room from 5pm-7pm a hot cup of soup and bread for a gold coin donation.**

The winter ailments are becoming more apparent with students suffering coughs and colds. When children are unwell they are best kept at home for a few days to ensure minimal spread of ailments and to hasten speedy recovery. We are being reminded to be cautious about the measles though there have, this year, been no confirmed cases amongst our students.

Nga mihi  
Malcolm

## The Power To Choose Your Attitude

Enthusiasm is contagious! Teachers who are enthusiastic and genuinely enjoy their job will typically see better student engagement and academic results when compared to teachers who do not exhibit those characteristics. Every school leader should want a building full of happy teachers. It is critical that leaders recognize the value of keeping teacher morale high.

So with winter slowly closing in on us I decided that it was time to call in an expert to give our staff the extra energy boost they need to continue to deliver engaging lessons which hook students into learning.

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May Rob Hamill came to run a 1 and a half hour professional learning session. Rob's speech was a powerful and inspiring message on tenacity, hope, love and the last human freedom: the power to choose your attitude and how you respond to any given situation.

Rob inspired us to pursue our dreams whatever they may be, to take on new challenges, overcoming hardship against the odds and know that with passion anything is possible.

He encouraged us to go beyond the mindset of 'just getting by' when enduring tough or challenging times. He imparted the wisdom and notion that self-belief is critical and more importantly 'possible' for every one of us to achieve our own personal journey to success.

I would like to personally acknowledge the staff for their efforts to continue modernizing education by removing the walls between classrooms and real life. They go way beyond teaching rote facts and sharing their



knowledge with a captivated audience. They use their imagination and ingenuity to bring their subjects to life in ways students will engage in and always remember.

And to our community who continually support our students and our staff, I appreciate everyone one of you. I know we don't always get it right but in the end we always get a positive result. Thank you for everything you do.

Have a safe weekend everyone, wrap up warm and share that enthusiasm.

Bronwyn Haitana

## What's Coming up

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| 20 June | Children's mobile ear clinic will be here, outside the school hall and open between the hours of 9am-2pm   |
| 24 June | Maori Games at Minogue park for Years 5-8. See Whaea Kylie for more information  |
| 6 July  | Matakokiri trip to Waingaro hot pools  |
| 6 July  | Waikato Young Leaders Day 2016. This is hosted at the University of Waikato in the Management Building. We are invited to send 15 Year 9 students to this event between 8.45am -3pm. |
| 7 July  | BCITO Road Show  |
| 7 July  | Last day of term   |
| 8 July  | TEACHERS ONLY DAY  |
| 8 July  | Senior Students school ball  |

**A REMINDER** to our senior students from the lovely Lilypot Florist to pre order flowers for the school ball. Flower arrangements like "button holes, corsages, sprays". This will ensure orders are met.

# Gateway Programme

Gateway 2016 has seen a number of regional businesses work closely with the school to provide rewarding work-place experiences and sector specific skill development for some of our Year12-13 students. Several students have also completed the Warehouse Red Shirts programme, gaining their Customer Service Award, while others have enjoyed local placements with Orca Restaurant, The Shack, i-SITE information centre, and Local Eatery. Support for the programme and the efforts of our Gateway students' is evident with many being offered part-time paid employment on completion of their placements.

Te Kohau Putaranui-Kopa and Jaylene Thoms take timeout from a busy morning at i-SITE for a Gateway pic! Cheers girls!



# Auckland Writers Festival

"Woo, this thing is hot," rapped Omar bin Musa about his favourite food – Laksa noodles.

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May nine students (including us) and two staff travelled to the Auckland Writers Festival at the Aotea Centre. After ice-cream for breakfast at Pokeno we arrived at the Centre – Raglan time – and rushed in to listen to Kate DeGoldi, an accomplished New Zealand author, speak about her latest novel "The Cutting Room of Barney Kettle". She talked about the novels that were in the process of becoming movies and how many of her stories are based on real places. Her speaking style was more suited to an adult audience but the ideas were useful and inspiring.

We found an Asian food hall nearby for lunch then headed to the Auckland Art Gallery. Leilani's Dad is the Deputy Director of the gallery so he offered us a tour of a South American exhibition including some spicy hangings of 'sniffable' art. Exotic! Must go back!

After lunch we were entertained by Omar bin Musa, the Australian Slam Poetry Champion whose humour and relaxed manner ensured the audience were captivated. He performed for us the censored version of his poem "Laksa", with the crowd joining in the WOO! each time. Some of his other rap poems were biting with social commentary and the audience adored him.

Thanks to the sponsors of the festival our transport was completely covered so the \$15 entry fee for the day's entertainment was really good value and we'll return next year if we can.

Sasha, Jack, Dughall, Leilani



# Sports News

We are taking a team to the **NZ Secondary Schools Tough Guy Gal Challenge 26 August 2016**. This is an extreme off road running event for students Year 9 – 13. Let me know if you're interested asap. Looks like an awesome event. More details on their website: <http://www.eventpromotions.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/2016-SSTGG-Poster.pdf>

**Waikato Secondary Schools Ski & Snowboard Comp** is happening 19 August at Turoa Ski Field. All enquiries for this go to Deane Hishon. [deane\\_hishon@raglanarea.school.nz](mailto:deane_hishon@raglanarea.school.nz)

**Rugby Home Game Saturday**  
Kick off at the school grounds: **10.40am**

**Raglan Area School Vs Forest View High School**  
It's always great to have support on the sideline, so if you're around Raglan this Saturday, come and watch some great rugby and cheer our boys on!

**Netball:**  
The Senior girls team is playing at **Minogue Park 10.45am, Court 13 Vs Hillcrest Diamonds**.

**From Sports Force Netball:**  
I am very excited to be able to invite you and your community to come along and support Margaret Forsyth and the Waikato Bay of Plenty Beko Netball Team play against Mainland for a place in the Final on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016. Details as below.

- Cambridge High School Gymnasium – Taylor Street, Cambridge
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016
- Doors open 1.45pm
- Game starts 2.30pm
- Gold Coin Entry
- Sausage Sizzle available

This is a great opportunity for you to bring your Netball Team along not only to support Marg and her Team but also to continue developing and growing the dream within your Teams! You will have all seen the Waikato Bay of Plenty Beko Netball Team on TV so why not come and support them courtside.

The Final will be played on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June in Auckland.

**CrossFit**  
St. Pauls are once again hosting **The Fittest Teen Comp** on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2017. If you're keen to give this a go let me know and we can support you with the training leading up to this.

**Good luck to all teams for you games this weekend!**

FYI: I am in the Staff Workroom on Monday morning, Wednesday all day and Friday morning, definitely come and see me or phone (0210510911) or email ([sport\\_coordinator@raglanarea.school.nz](mailto:sport_coordinator@raglanarea.school.nz)) any time if you have any sport enquiry. I'm happy to answer any questions or point you in the right direction.  
Nga Mihi, Sam.