



Raglan Area School

TE KURA A ROHE O WHAINGAROA

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

Our sincere condolences to Matua Joe and Natasha Rao on the passing away this week of Natasha's mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families.

Congratulations to Matua Logan and his wife Bhuvana on the recent birth of their son, Vignesh. We wish them all very well.

I would like to thank the coaches and managers of the various teams that are currently practicing and trialing for winter sports. I know that the students involved, and the parents of those students, appreciate your time, expertise, and energy. Certainly as a school we acknowledge the very considerable commitment you make and we wish you and your team well for the season.

Junior cross-country ran into incredibly bad weather and so postponement led to cancellation. This was very disappointing for all, especially after such a long period of wonderful weather. Plan C has meant that age group races were organized into the short breaks in the weather in order to have representatives selected to attend the Western Cluster cross-country hosted by Waitetuna School last Friday. These selections have been made in time for entries to be submitted and we have three students in each division represented Raglan rather than the two in each division as in previous years.



These students represented us at Waitetuna Cross Country

Matua Pete has been working in collaboration with Kristel Van Houte of Karioi Backyard Hub, and some of our students, in setting and maintaining a trap-line around the Kaitoke Peninsular for rats and stoats. To date they have caught a considerable number of rats and also a stoat. The traps are set on the coastal fringe off the public walkway and we are keeping records of captures. We hope, of course, that this will also extend the perimeter outwards from the school for both rat and stoat eradication.

The recent storms have created some havoc and destruction for our community with hailstones smashing windows and a tornado last weekend wreaking havoc on a number of farms. Fortunately we understand that no-one has been hurt, the clean-up, however, will be considerable and we offer our sympathies. We, on a smaller scale, have been affected by the weather. We have sprung several roof leaks in the school and these are currently being dealt with. It is timely to remind students, parents and visitors to take care on the vinyl floors of corridors and on the wooden decks around the school as these can be very slippery through the wet, winter months.

The NZ uniform shop now has all of the garments available on their website for ordering and while the images have yet to be updated with the graphics, orders can now be placed. The PE uniform for all Yrs 7-13 will be compulsory from the beginning of Term 3.

Planning continues for our 150th Jubilee reunion over Labour weekend. The program for the weekend is in place and opportunities for photographs of decades and classes are organized. Registration forms are available from the school and via the web page.

The Senior Student Leadership team has led a couple of awareness raising events including Wacky Hair Day for Child Cancer and a disco in support of 'Pink Shirt Day'. For Child Cancer they raised approximately \$250 with much thanks to Liam Dingle who led that initiative. Our junior students enjoyed their 'pink' disco and the great food provided them. Thanks team!

Nga mihi

Malcolm

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS
VOTING CLOSSES NOON 3 JUNE
(THIS FRIDAY)

What's Coming up

- 3 June Tough guy/gal for Years 9-13 at Huntly College. See our Sports Coordinator, Whaea Sam, for more details
- 6 June Queen's birthday
- 13 June Years 11-13 visit Careers Expo at Claudelands Show Grounds
- 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



2016 SmokefreeRockquest

Smokefreerockquest is New Zealand's only nationwide, live, all original, youth music event. Now into its third decade, the series of 50 events from all over the country, reaches audience numbers in excess of 100,000 every year. Its aim is to motivate young musicians to prove their musical ability and to encourage their peers to support original New Zealand music. Initially bands played covers, but very early in the evolution of the event (and running parallel with the evolution of music in New Zealand) there was a shift to original music.

We are very proud that an exceptionally talented group of our young students formed a band "The Majestic Unicorns" and have entered the competition this year. We congratulate them as they have made it through to the second round, and wish them well in the final, to be held Saturday June 25.

For more information, visit <http://smokefreerockquest.co.nz/news/>

Karioi Rangers

We also call it "The Rat Trap Club" (not for the faint hearted)
Registrations Open

Keen to roam Mt Karioi and coastline? Learn about orienteering and developing your bush and survival skills - while trapping predators along the way. This term we are focussing on "whenua"...the land. Loads of fun and practical hands on experience! We will also meet some of the locals who love this kinda stuff and do it every day.

Register today!

WHO FOR: Students 9-13 years old. **WHEN:** Tuesday 3.15 - 6pm
STARTS: 31 May (6 week program) **WHERE:** Community Garden, Wi Neera St
COST: \$20



To register contact Annie 0226815120 or email annieL@xtra.co.nz for a rego form...Limited numbers!

NOTE: Students must come equipped with good shoes and we/all weather gear (raincoat/gumboots/warm hat) for the outdoors.

D Block Cross Country

After warming up with 'Squats, stretches and side lunges, we set off, standing behind the line I felt excited and a little nervous, I wanted everyone to enjoy the race. "Ready Steady Go", we're off! I ran as fast as a plane hurtling down the runway. I felt so elated and exhausted at the end.

"I like the race." - Alai

"I was excited. I ran fast." - Ramone

"I was nervous. I like running" - Tai

"I fell over, I got up" - William

"I liked running" - Zaviah

"I felt free when I was running. I ran as fast as a Cheetah! I like going on the stoney path". Kaya



Primary and Secondary English Tutor

I am an experienced English Teacher who would like to help your child gain confidence with their literacy requirements for schooling and beyond. Primary and Secondary English tutor, Bachelor of Communication Studies, Diploma of Education, Masters of Education in Gifted and Talented Studies. For further information, please phone Cindy on Ph: 825 8553 or 0212011455. \$40 an hour

NCEA Fees

In the next few days you will receive in the post an account for the NCEA fee. Included with this, you will find a "Financial Assistance" form. Please read this carefully as you may be eligible to apply.

Winter's here

It's a good idea to ensure your child/ren has a raincoat in their bag, or wearing one, when they leave for school in the morning. Also good to pack a spare set of clothes for the littlies as they quite often forget puddles are wet!!