

**RAGLAN SCHOOL**

**150<sup>th</sup>**

**Jubilee**

21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October

**Programme Details**

**2016**

**[www.raglanarea.school.nz](http://www.raglanarea.school.nz)**

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# 150<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Information, Programme details, and ramblings!

## Labour weekend 2016.

**6 pm Registrations open in the Raglan Area School hall** for participants to pick up their registration details and packs.

**7 pm Friday evenings begins the celebrations with a mix and mingle at the school.** Finger food will be provided and there will be a cash bar available for registered participants. The event will include live music with Peter Skandera and Dave Maybee. This is the first opportunity to view displays, to meet old friends and to pick up registration packs and memorabilia.

**Saturday morning begins early with a dawn blessing and unveiling of the new Waharoa at 5:50 a.m.** This is being erected to mark and celebrate 150 years of formal education in Raglan.

A waharoa is a gateway or main entrance. In this case with a carved maihi some five meters long. There are four manaia carved on the maihi to represent our values (Kaitiaki, Whakawhanaungatanga, Manaakitanga, and Poutama) and the single Koruru (Face) representing He Manu (the bird). This references the whakatauki (Saying):

**Ko te manu e kai ana te miro, nōna te ngāhere.**

**Ko te manu e kai ana te mātauranga, nōna te ao.**

*(The bird who eats from the miro tree, owns the forest.*

*The bird who eats of the tree of knowledge will gain the world.)*

The Rara (ribs) along the bottom represent those that attended this kura before us and the Takarangi Spiral (open spiral that allows light and knowledge into the world) is full of manaia representing our natural world.

The carvers include Kawharu Greensil (Tainui Hapu, Tainui), Simon Te Wheoro (Ngati Mahanga o Tainui, and Kelvin Le Lievre (Tainui) with assistance from three students of Raglan Area School, Ariki Riki Wahanga (Tainui), Ryan Larkins (Nga Puhi), and Keeti Williams-Hutchins (Tainui).

Thanks to a generous donation from Harbour Care we will also plant during the re-union formalities a Miro beside the Waharoa. *If you also would like to donate towards the costs of the Waharoa this may be included with your registration.*

**Formal speeches, commemorative tree planting, and official photographs will be on Saturday morning beginning at 10 a.m.** This provides another opportunity to meet old friends, fellow students, and past teachers from the school. Professional photographers will be on-site to take 'decade' photos of participants and you will be able to order and pay for photos on the day. There will also be an opportunity to tour the school with present students as guides.

**Saturday afternoon** at the conclusion of the formal speeches and events there will be an opportunity to **visit the Te Uku Wind Farm on the Whararoa Plateau.** There will be courtesy vans available to transport interested persons from the school to the Wind Farm. Take this chance to have a close-up look at the 28 turbines while listening to a commentary on the history of the area and the establishment of the wind-farm, visit <http://www.windenergy.org.nz/te-uku-wind-farm> for more information. This site offers outstanding 360 degree views across the greater Waikato including Raglan, Aotea and Kawhia Harbours. To comply with Health and Safety Regulations all participants must wear covered shoes.

**Saturday night** is the formal celebratory dinner, beginning with pre-dinner drinks at 6:30pm and dinner at 7:30 p.m. with entertaining Master of Ceremonies, Ronnie Phillips, Guest speaker Dick Tayler, and a meal prepared by legendary chef, Colin Chung. This will be followed by dancing to the live band of Steve Crossland. Again a cash bar available for registered participants.

**Sunday morning begins with a guided historical tour of the township** where buildings and characters from the past will be remembered and celebrated. This begins at The Museum and Information Centre at 9:00 a.m. and is an opportunity for story telling, remembering, and laughter.

**A combined church service will be held in the Raglan Area School Hall at 11:00a.m.** this will be the final formal event for the reunion.

**Soldiers of the 16th Field and 161 Battalion will be onsite all weekend.** These will support the community and school with escorts, support for the elderly and infirm, security, courtesy vans/transport.

### **Accommodation**

Raglan i-site Visitor Information Centre has an extensive list of accommodation options available in and around Raglan. They can be contacted on:

Website - [www.raglan.org.nz](http://www.raglan.org.nz)

Email – [info@raglan.org.nz](mailto:info@raglan.org.nz)

Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/raglanisite/>

Phone – 07 825 0556

Check with Raglan i-site to see what other activities will be happening in Raglan over Labour Weekend. Like **Harbour Cruises** around the Raglan Harbour on the Wahine Moe. You could also check out their website for details in sailings and bookings, [www.raglancharters.co.nz](http://www.raglancharters.co.nz) or call 07 825 7873. The legendary **Midge Marsden** will be playing at the Raglan Club Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available for this at [eventfinda.co.nz](http://eventfinda.co.nz) or pre-sale from the venue for \$25. Door sales are \$30