



Raglan Area School

TE KURA A ROHE O WHAINGAROA

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

Kia ora te whanau o Te kura a Rohe o Whaingaroa

Congratulations to ex student Denzel De Ruyscher for his BDI degree at Victoria University. Seems only a short while ago that he was attending school and thinking of which University to attend. Well done indeed Denzel.

We were very pleased to receive a significant sum of money from Sport Waikato thanks to the work of Sam our sports-fit coordinator. This funding is going toward buying hoe and life jackets for our newly formed, and already successful, waka ama teams. Thanks also to our community who have generously supported this kaupapa.

A group of our students visited the Windmills on the wind farm on Wednesday, with the support of Meridian Energy. This was followed by a BBQ and with the support of lots of community members they are planting some three hundred more trees onto the peninsular. Much thanks to Meridian Energy, WEL Networks, Oliver of Sustainable Coastlines, and the many helpers for your support and mahi.

I have been asked to give some details re the erecting of a waharoa during the reunion weekend. A waharoa is a gateway or main entrance. In this case with a carved crossbeam some five metres long. There are four manaia carved to represent our values and the single wheku (Face) represents He Manu (the bird). This refers to 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 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 represents our natural world. The carving is almost complete, the pou have been organised and holes are being dug. This will be an exciting addition to the kura and the dawn blessing is on the Saturday of labour weekend at 5:50 a.m.

VERY IMPORTANT: Please note that the registration and bookings for attendance at the 150th reunion close 30th September so that ordering and catering can be finalized.

Nga mihi

Malcolm

Reminder

Paid Union Meeting For All Staff

Monday 12 September 2016

9am - 11am

While school will be open in the morning, we are unable to provide for more than the supervision of students until normal classes re-establish in the afternoon.

E3 Science Focus

For the past few weeks, E3 has been doing lots of science! We have been learning all about liquids. Did you know that liquids can change states? If you freeze it, it becomes a solid. If you heat it, it becomes a gas.

There are many types of liquids. Some are more viscous than others. For example, honey has a high viscosity. It takes a long time to pour because it flows slowly. If you compare honey to water, you will see that water is less viscous. It pours quickly.

Have you ever wondered what makes your fizzy drink fizz? It's carbon dioxide that has been compressed into the bottle. We made balloons blow up with carbon dioxide. We put baking soda and vinegar in a bottle with a balloon stretched over the neck of the bottle. The baking soda and vinegar reacted and made carbon dioxide, which blew up the balloon.

Here's an exciting experiment you can try at home (it's a bit messy, so be careful!): mix two cups of cornflour with one cup of water. Mix it up with your fingers and you get oobleck. Oobleck is a special liquid because it is Non-Newtonian. If you squeeze it in your hand, it feels solid. When you let it go, it will run through your fingers like a liquid.



Sports News

"BOOK THIS DATE!! 10th September 2016...

Come down to the rugby club!! Kicking off with the junior rugby prize giving followed by Raglan vs New Plymouth Boys 12th grade game, and rounding it off with Raglan vs HOB grizzlies game.

And if you're not heading over the hill we will have happy hour while showcasing the ABs.

Please note, we are also trying to have netball running as well. mixed teams welcome ages 7yrs and upwards please. If you are interested please feel free to contact Missy King on 0212575411. Time is running out.

#lovetoseeyou #bringingtheclubtolife #supportingrugby #makethemostofit #rugbycommunity "

Waka Ama

Calling all secondary students that are interested in Waka Ama please muster at 4.30pm Wednesday 7 September at Te Kopua domain entrance by the Waka. This is a great opportunity to have a go & see why so many people love this sport.



Year 5&6 Syndicate

Over the last few weeks, Year 5&6 students have been going on an adventure each Monday morning, to inspire their writing. The students are learning to capture "A Moment In Time". We are enjoying every moment of our adventures and the follow up writing is amazing.

Whaea Donna, Matua Liam and Whaea Tracy

A Walk In The Bush BY HUGO THOMAS

As I crumble my feet onto the crackling stones, I see the entrance to the bush. The beautiful leaves surround me, I can smell the clean fresh water splashing downstream.

We slowly walk down the muddy pathway. I have the temptation to sprint, but I remember that I have to admire the plants in their full beauty. "When will we play the games?" I whine to myself. It starts to get more and more exciting. The bushes look amazing as the light flakes through the leaves. "Should've 'brang' the camera." Mum giggles.

We are now at the first game, I can see Tawhia set off with his blindfold over his head. He nearly walked off the slope. "WATCHOUT!" I can hear a high pitched scream. Tawhia sprints away from the cliff. Into a hole. Whaea Donna and I can't hold in our laugh as we burst out crying in laughter. I start to get blindfolded. I wonder if the same thing would happen to me. I'm scared. I hold on to a rope, guiding me to safety so I don't fall into a bottomless pit. I make sure I'm not moving the rope side to side, although it is a rope I can still fall. I'm getting closer and closer to the finish line. "RAGGHHHHHHHHHHH!" Everyone shouts. I feel so annoyed, I feel like I want to slap every individual person there!

Whaea Donna announces that we'll play some games. "We will play Hide and go Seek first." Me and Luke whisper, "Let's hide together." We both nod. So we set off into the bush, Luke, Max, Che and I find a neat place in the corner. "Shhhhhhh." Luke silently ditches us for another place. We eventually become one of the last people still hiding. We all have to come out. There are four winners. It is Luke, Max, Che, and I. We run back as fast as we can. "That was fun" I say to my mum.

A Trip To Bush Town BY WILLIAM MILLWARD

Hiding is real hard when you are a tall, manky, sloth like kid, even when you are wearing camouflage gear. I am swinging silently and hanging onto what looks like a tree and my feet are dug into a bank that has rough soil.

Nek minnut, I'm falling through the air plummeting towards a thick Punga tree. CRASH! "Ow," I screech. I'm hoping that I haven't drawn any attention what so ever to the people in bright yellow.

I slowly stand (like a sloth), brush myself off and start to lurk around the ferns like a cat sneaking around the front garden. Suddenly I hear a bass boosting thump. My heart starts pounding almost jumping out of my chest. I turn quickly, and scan the bush searching for the culprit. It's only Zoe. I sigh in relief.

I try my best to slither my way through the dense undergrowth when I see what looks like an opening. I see fluro yellow gleaming through the leaves, but it is hard to see clearly because there are like a bazillion leaves everywhere.

I see the end, I see my checkpoint. The end of my five minute journey, awaits me. Dodging the taggers is a piece of cake. I'm nearly there, people are cheering me on. I leap into the air, grip onto the tree and shout, "Go home, stay home, one, two, three!" The tree claws me like an arcade machine that pulls up toys. Wait it is only Lucca helping me up. Just remember, it's hard hiding when you are a tall, manky, sloth like kid.

Blue Light Disco

Please join us for a Bluelight Disco - Friday 16 September in the school hall.

Year 0-3	3.30pm - 4.30pm
Year 4-7	5pm - 6.30pm
Year 8-10	7pm - 8.30pm

HOME Tutor

HOME TUTORING for YOUR CHILD Reading, Writing and Maths; \$35 per session; Raglan-based ; Contact Jill Freeman 021 2678892
Experience in Montessori and Mainstream school education.
NZ Registered Teacher. Bachelor of Teaching (Primary).

Lost Property

The lost property is reaching epic proportions again. It really does help to label clothing, it makes it so much easier for us to get lost property back to the right student.