



Raglan Area School

TE KURA A ROHE O WHAINGAROA

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

The recent Senior Sports Awards was a huge success and I know that many of you either attended or have heard and seen accounts of the night. I would like to thank the sports committee and in particular Sam (our Sports Coordinator) for the hard work done to make the night enjoyable and a wonderful celebration of our students. Senior Prize giving is next week Thursday night, (1st December) beginning at 6:30 and we look forward to another enjoyable night celebrating their academic successes.

The construction contractors will be completing stage one this week which means that the Hall foyer and toilets are completed as are K block toilets and the changing shed at the pool. Next week they begin on the kitchen and changing sheds in the hall and the rest of the roofing will be in the holidays. I will advise further dates and special arrangements as they come to hand.

Are you aware of the new online healthcare service in the Waikato? This gives free, out of hours, access to doctors by video, voice or text chat and includes the ability to schedule online appointments with hospital specialists. This is available for anyone over 16 years to join. Check out www.waikatodhb.health.nz/for-patients-and-visitors/smarthealth/.

There have been a number of end of year trips and overnight stays happening and I know our students have really enjoyed these and I would like to thank all whanau who have supported these in numerous ways. These

are the events that create great and long-lasting memories so thanks also to our staff who make these possible.

If you are interested in athletics speak with Sam as we are growing up opportunities in the school for training and participation in athletics and she has the details of practices and events coming up. Our staff have also worked hard in the preparation of our students for the athletics day and this was reflected in the success of the event, and the number of students who are selected to represent us in the interschool Western Cluster Athletics day next week.

We are nearing the end of year and many of our seniors have already signed out having finished their academic studies and met their learning goals. Congratulations to them. Other students are still appearing on site to sit externals or complete internals and I wish them all very well.

Nga mihi

Malcolm

Grocery Raffle Draw

The winner of the Year 3/4 raffle is our very own Whaea Lorna. Congratulations



Parent Requests Year 0-10

Like last year I would like to offer the opportunity for parents to consult with me regarding the placement of their child/ren. This is not an opportunity to request individual teachers, but rather we value parents sharing their child's passions, talents and individual needs and friendships with us, so that we can cluster students accordingly.

This is a valued way to set students up for success each school year. I am offering you the opportunity for parents to contact me between the dates of Wednesday 23 November to Monday 5 December 2016. You can do this by phone, email, write a letter, or face to face.

My email address is Bronwyn Haitana bronwyn_haitana@raglanarea.school.nz

If you wish to meet with me please contact Karen in the office to make an appointment. These appointments will be scheduled for 20 minute slots.

Please understand that after this date, due to the complexities in organizing classes, we cannot take into account any late requests. We endeavour to meet one parent request, but cannot commit to multiple requests. Please respect that the leadership team will not make changes to any classes once these are published, unless a parent request has been overlooked and not actioned.

Our proposed school structure for 2017 is:

New Entrant – Year 2 :	1 x new entrant class, 1 x Year 1 class and 1 x Year 2 class;
Year 3/4 team:	3 x Year 3/4 classes;
Year 5/6 team:	3 x Year 5/6 classes;
Year 7 – 10 team:	1 x Year 7 class, 1 x Year 8 class, 1 x Year 9 class, 1 x Year 10 class

Please note: There may be a Year 7/8 composite class due to numbers or 2 x Year 7 classes. This decision won't be made until we have all our new enrolments in.

Athletics Day Year 3-8

What an amazing event! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers who organised an amazing athletics day at Raglan Area School last week. It is the first time that this age group has had a proper athletics day and I was so proud to see how successful it was. There was lots of laughter, great parent support, enthusiastic participants and teachers mucking in and helping each other out.

Due to the fact that this was our first Athletics day there were a few issues that arose, one being the results from the day. Unfortunately these results aren't available for the picking of the Western Cluster team that will represent our school on Friday 2nd of December. To rectify this mistake we have been rerunning some events to gather results to determine the teams.

I appreciate that there may be some disappointments in regard to this but unfortunately there was no other way to find a solution.

Thank you in advance for your understanding,

Bronwyn Haitana



Ripper Rugby Tournament Leadership

With the changing nature of sport and society finding referees continues to be a challenge in our community. Six Yr 10 boys showed our community how important and valuable young people are to our community. They showed great leadership and in the spirit of Tuakana Teina, by refereeing the Ripper Rugby Tournament in Hamilton. Teo Parker, Finn Laboyrie, Awatea Dillon, Puarere Kelly, Sky Reid, Te Oranga Campbell showed great maturity and excellent decision making in this event. Well done boys!



Choir

Raglan Area School has started a brand new choir with the help from teacher and local singer Laura Wells. This is an exciting initiative which is another example of how RAS continues to create interesting learning opportunities for our students. Year 10 student Emily Wiki, singer in the band Majestic Unicorn, asked Joseph Rao to organize the choir and now it has 20 members. With our growing roll and innovative vision, based on passion learning and opportunities RAS Year 7-10 syndicate continues to support our learners to excel in their passions.

Junior Science

D2 (New Entrant class) had a wonderful time with Mr C learning about Science. As we approach the dawn of space travel to Mars, D2 prepared to launch with a Di-hydrogen Oxide (water) powered rocket. D2 is full of keen and an enthusiastic future scientists.



Year 3/4 Camp

I hop on the stable wooden platform. The flying fox looks as scary as an actual fox that flies. I jump. Go, go, go the teacher yells. Swish, swish the wind flies over my head. I zip through the sky, speed up and fly off my seat. The bump is close, I close my eyes, I scream the mighty fox flies faster than ever before.

Mana Waterhouse



NZQA Exams Update

Congratulations to our students who have completed their internal courses and have begun to sign out on study leave. Please check for exam times as students need to be at school by 9am for morning exams and 1:30 pm for afternoon exams.

Bus Drivers Wanted

Go Bus Transport have two driving positions available. You will require a full class 1 drivers licence, a great attitude, be reliable and communicate well with students. A class 2 drivers licence may be an advantage but not essential, as full training will be given to the successful applicants. Our recruitment process includes Drug Testing and a Police Vetting Check. Please contact Joanne Burman on 07 828 7037 or 021 747 191. Or email Joanne.Burman@gobus.co.nz.

Sports Awards

A few Platters/Plates/Dishes/containers from the event are at the school office for parents to collect. Thank you for your gift of kai and upholding one of our key values - Manaakitanga.

"Nau te rourou, naku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi"

Lost Property

Only three weeks until the end of term, please keep checking the lost property pile for mislaid clothes.

Swimming Club

If you would like to enrol your children for swimming lessons, please email raglanswimclub@gmail.com

Global Funding

For your information and interest, here is the link to Global Funding

<http://thespinoff.co.nz/parenting/19-10-2016/a-teacher-tells-you-what-you-need-to-know-about-bulk-funding/>