



Raglan Area School

TE KURA A ROHE O WHAINGAROA

Tena koe te whanau

Greetings to all of our whanau and to our students.

I spoke briefly at the senior prize giving about 'annus mirabilis'. In essence it speaks of seeing through tragedy and difficult times and recognising the wonderful.

The year began with the tragic passing of Richard Keremeta and I acknowledge him and his whanau at this time looking back less than a year. Why mirabilis? -because we can also remember the strength of aroha within the community for Richard, his whanau, and for our students expressed in so many ways and by so many and we can also be thankful and grateful for the well-spring of love and care that flowed. Rest in peace.

I am grateful to all of you that have supported our kura in so many, and varied, ways. To each of you, thank you. To our young people who are leaving us, I wish you the very best for your future, I wish you good health and great happiness.

Congratulations to those of you who achieved your learning goals and are going to work, 'gap years', apprenticeships, training institutes and tertiary education. A special congratulations to our seniors that have won seven separate University Scholarships. **Ella** (Otago University: Leaders of Tomorrow Excellence Scholarship); **Najade** (Waikato University: Vice Chancellors Award for Excellence and the Waikato University: Te Ara ki Angitu); **Te Kohau** (Waikato University: Te Ara ki Angitu, the David Johnston Charitable Trust Scholarship for Education, and the Waikato -Tainui Kawenata Tertiary Scholarship); and **Mikayla** (Waikato University: Te Ara ki Angitu); we are very proud of your achievements.

A special thanks to our wonderful student leadership team for 2016 and of course my thanks to our teaching staff and particularly our two Deputy Principals, Bronwyn and Quenten. My thanks and best wishes to Megan who has taught with us through 2016, and our best wishes to Joseph, Kim and Linda who are on leave for 2017. We look



forward to your returning in 2018.

There are several staff who are leaving our community and I thank them for their years of service to our students and our school, Jonathan Rickard, Elizabeth Rangiawha, and Gabrielle Williams. We wish them very well in their new mahi. We also thank Wendy who has managed our canteen, The Happy Puku, for many years and wish her well in her new ventures.

I would like to acknowledge the work of our Board of Trustees and to note their passion for our school and, especially, my thanks to our Board Chairperson Mel, for her tireless support and generosity.

To you all, I wish you a safe and happy holiday, and a prosperous New Year. At this time, I especially wish you a very blessed Christmas.

Nga mihi

Malcolm

School Stationery

School Stationery is available in the following ways:

- **On line** from Office Max www.myschool.co.nz, where you can add or remove products or order a class pack. On-line orders will be delivered to your home
- **Visit the Store.** OfficeMax retail store is on the corner of Victoria St & Princess St, Hamilton. They have all our class stationery lists. You will need to know your child/rens 2017 Year Level.

Payment can be made by Credit Card/Debit Card, Internet banking or a mail order form can be printed. The deadline for delivery, **before** the beginning of Term 1, is 20th January 2017.

Please allow a one week delivery window for couriering the order to your home or workplace can also be selected. There will be a limited amount of stationery available from the school office (no class packs). If you have WINZ documentation, we can order the stationery pack for you..

The 2017 stationery lists are also available on our school website www.raglanarea.school.nz and from the school office. Year 7 - 10 The PE uniform is compulsory for this area. They can be purchased from NZ Uniforms, 244 Tristram St Hamilton or on line. www.nzuniforms.com

Start of school 2017

Monday 30 January - Auckland Anniversary Day

Tuesday 31 January - Teachers Only Day

Wednesday 1 February - All school start, beginning with Powhiri at 9am in the school hall

2017 Term Dates

1 February - 13 April

1 May - 6 July

24 July - 28 September

16 October - 13 December

Fairytale Day

WOW! What an outstanding event with so many wonderful characters...huge giants, revolting trolls, pretty princesses, wicked evil witches, delicious scrumptious gingerbread men, and lots of Little Red Riding Hoods with treats for a real granny dressed in her nightgown! Frightening, terrifying wolves, with sharp bloody teeth, sweet Goldilocks and Rapunzel with lovely, long locks. Stunning costumes dancing to rock n roll to Red Riding Rocking Hood and then listening to stories in each class.

What a wonderful, awesome, fantastic fun exciting, star stunning day, was had by EVERYONE!

written by D1 Class



Science Club

Every Wednesday lunchtime in the school science laboratory, budding scientists have been creating stinky smells, flaming fireballs, glowing goo and much, much, more at the RAS Science Club.

Next year the club will include an opportunity for students to start planning and experimenting with their own investigation ideas for the Waikato Science Fair. Winners of the Science Fair go on to the National Finals and have an opportunity to go all the way to the 2017 World Science Fair held in Los Angeles.

Quick Question – What did Santa Claus say when he needed 3 atoms of Holmium?

(Holmium is a chemical element with the atomic number 67. The element is part of the lanthanide series, and is a rare earth element. Holmium was discovered by Swedish chemist Per Theodor Cleve.

Massive thanks to all the students and teachers for coming along and getting in to. Hope to see you all again next year. Merry Christmas from Mr C and Science Technician Sarah G

Sea Dogs

Cowabunga Dudes and Dudettes - it has been another big year for taking off, cutting back, pulling in and wiping out for the frothing SeaDogs pumping it up at Ngārunui Beach.

This year teacher Pete Melaloney successfully fundraised a quiver of new boards from WEL Energy (a massive thanks and respect to WEL Energy) and they have all been fully tested and put through there paces.

Next year will be the 10th Anniversary of the SeaDogs and we are all looking forward to taking off deeper and sharing the fun with any students that want to give it a go.

Massive thanks to all the students for going hard and to the teachers David O'loughlin, Andy Sherlock and Pete Melaloney for your dedication, passion and expertise that you willingly share with the students. Big thanks also to the Raglan Backpackers for your support – too much!

Hope you all have an awesome holiday – see you at there! Mr C.

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