



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

Welcome all. Our Powhiri on the first day of the new term was our best attended ever. There was a very large roopu of visitors that was welcomed into the school. My count was at 140 new students and their support whanau. That suggested that the schools roll will be up and though I am reluctant to 'call it' as changes are still occurring. We do need to ensure that all students who are enrolling are attending and we must also await other schools to ask for transfers. At the present I expect we could come close to topping five hundred students on the staffing roll.

You would expect that this is having an impact in classroom sizes and teaching spaces and it is. I will be relieved to have the two new classrooms arrive and bedded in for term three. We already have stretched the year seven and eights to three classes and I would expect that the year nines will also be reviewed to reduce the class size. Bronwyn and I teach this class as a cohort and it is a large class. March the 1st is a most important day as this is the day that the Ministry of Education take as the 'confirmed roll date' and we will move from provisional staffing to full entitlement. Watch this space.

Meantime the classes that have re-established to the library have settled

well while the planning for the junior block refurbishment becomes a reality. We are awaiting final figures and MOE approval to start.

You will see elsewhere that a parent support group is being formed and I am looking forward to participating with them in improving outcomes for our students and their whanau.

Yesterday a group of staff and senior students attended the blessing of the new seat down by the jetty built in memory of Richard and Ra. This was well attended and a moving tribute to these young lads. Saturday will be the unveiling of Richard's headstone and we pray for his whanau and friends that they might find comfort and peace.

A gentle reminder that we do now expect our students to have all of their stationary and they have their PE uniforms sorted if they are in years 7-10 or in senior PE classes. If this is causing some financial distress then please contact the school as we can make arrangements to support you.

Our results for NCEA grades for 2016 will shortly be confirmed and I am delighted to see that from Level 1 to Level 3 our results have improved. I will confirm the data to you when it comes to hand.

Nga mihi

Malcolm

Can you help?

This year we are continuing to improve our school by offering more subjects for the students to take in the Year 7-10 area. Unfortunately there isn't enough staffing for all of these options to happen so the Year 7-10 teaching team are dedicating themselves to fundraise some money to help meet these costs.

If you are able to help at any of the following fundraisers can you please email bronwyn_haitana@raglanareaschool.nz or pop in to see me at school.

Friday 17th February

10am - 2pm

Running a food stall at the RAS Athletics Day

Thursday 23rd February

12:30pm - 2pm

Making hamburger orders for RAS

Friday 7th April

Running the food stall at the school disco. You can choose what time frame you are able to help.

Year 0-3 Disco

3:30-4:30pm

Year 4-7 Disco

5:00-6:30pm

Year 8-10 Disco

7:00-8:30pm

Thanks Bronwyn Haitana

Peer Support Training

On the first day of school 22 Senior Students participated in the Peer Support Training camp. Held at the beautiful Korkori Centre, students learnt how to play, and run, team building games, and initiate fun discussions on topics such as: Peer Pressure, Co-operation, Communication, Bullying and Values. Over the course of Term One these fantastic senior students will become peer leaders to the Year 7 students; making connections with the Junior School, learning leadership skills and gaining 4 Level Three credits along the way.

Dave O'Loughlin



Raglan Area School Parents Group

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Wednesday 22 Feb

at 6pm

in the RAS staffroom

The agenda for the meeting is to communicate with each other about the school's current happenings, future plans, issues, ideas, and support each other. The current members want the group be a way of constructively contributing to the school thereby helping to improve things for our kids. Please come along if you'd like to be involved. We'd love for as many parents as possible to be involved.

Thanks Tara Wrigley

Stationery and PE Uniform

By now you should have all your stationery supplies sorted from Office Max. We have limited supplies at the office, which means while we have stationery to sell, we do not have enough to fill your full stationery order, please purchase from Office Max, your full stationery order.

2017 Term Dates

1 February - 13 April

1 May - 6 July

24 July - 28 September

16 October - 13 December

Sports News

The following sports are available to seniors in Term 1. We are needing coaches and managers for some sport throughout the year, so if you are keen to help out we can support you. Contact Sam sport_coordinator@raglanarea.school.nz p. 021 051 0911.

Waka Ama

Trainings: Twice a week, days to be confirmed. Event: Waikato Secondary School Sprint Championships. Date: 11 March 2017. Venue: Lake Ngaroto, Te Awamutu. Cost: \$10 per individual + travel costs

Athletics

School Senior Athletics Day: Friday 17 Feb, successful students will then go on to represent the school at the **King Country / North Waikato Athletics Comp**. Date: 9 March 2017. Venue: Te Awamutu. Cost: Travel only

Tennis

Trainings: To be confirmed

Events:

- **National Secondary Schools Teams** (Girls/Boys/Mixed) - 24 Feb 2017
Regional play-off will be held on 3rd March, 2017 at the Waikato Tennis Centre. If more than two teams are nominated in one category from one area, a play-off will be organised at a local venue on Friday 24th February 2017. Entries close Monday 20th February.
- **Waikato Secondary Schools After School Comp** (Singles/Pairs)
Wednesdays, starting 1 March 2017
Cost: \$30 per team
Venue: Held at schools
- **Waikato Thames Valley Secondary School Tennis Championships**
Date: 14th March 2017
Venue: Waikato Tennis Centre, 30 Old Farm Road, Hamilton
THREE SECTIONS - Players must be year 9 & above
Junior Section: For players 14 & under by 31/03/17
Intermediate Section: For players 16 & under by 31/03/17 Senior Section: For players 18 & under by 31/03/17 Entries are limited to 4 players per school in the Singles, and 3 pairs per school

Netball

Provided through the Raglan Netball Club. Date: Muster is on for all players 10am on both 12 Feb 2017 & 18 Feb 2017. Please attend one muster. Venue: Netball Courts at the Raglan Rugby Club

Ripper Rugby Sevens – Girls

Taking interest at this stage for an interclass comp.

Swimming

Trainings: To be confirmed. Event: Waikato Secondary Schools Swimming Championships. Date: 11 April 2017. Venue: Te Awamutu Events Centre
Cost: \$7 per person + travel

Skateboarding – Juniors and Seniors

Taking interest at this stage for training beginner level & up, boys & girls, to represent the school in events in Term 3. You don't have to be an amazing skater for this as it's about learning and improving throughout the year. However, for competent skaters there is the option to compete.

Whangamata Multisport Challenge

Date: Saturday the 18th of March 2017

The race consists of an 8km paddle (sup, kayak or waka), 9km trail run and 23km mtb. It is an achievable challenge for secondary school students, particularly if they do it as a team.

All school students get half price entry to keep it affordable and to encourage them to get involved, get fit and challenge themselves.

Schools who put in 2 or more entries (team or individual) will receive a further 10% off.

Full race details and entry are online at www.whangamataevents.co.nz/multisport

Please let me know asap if you are interested in any of the sports offered or would like more information. My details are below.

See Insert for further sporting news

Raglan Junior Soccer Registration

We realise that summer has only just arrived but we need to start thinking about registering for the upcoming soccer season.

To all boys and girls, aged 5 to 13, wishing to play soccer this year. Registration opens 20th February and closes 2 weeks later on the 3rd March.

You can enroll online at www.raglanjuniorsoccer.co.nz just follow the instructions. Please register within this timeframe.

For any further details/help you may contact Aaron on 8250234 or Luca on 8250096.

Look forward to seeing familiar, and new, faces for the 2017 Soccer season

from the RJS Committee



Do you have a 3 or 4 year old not involved in early childhood education?

Do you want to access free early childhood education so your child has a

'head start' before starting school?

Kowhai Consulting Ltd will support families to: Access early childhood education within Waikato district; Provide support with transition to school.

If you would like to know more about this FREE service, please contact Michelle on 0800 323 543 or 027 289 3780 or email: Michelle@kowhai.biz

Year 7-10 Meet and Greet

Meet the "Dream Team" – Year 7-10 Meet and Greet. Thursday 16 February 5.30pm – 7.00pm Raglan Area School staff room. This is an opportunity to hear what our goals and aspirations are for our team and meet with your class teacher.

Mobile Dental Unit

Happy new year to all. Our unit is currently at Te Mata school for approx. 3 weeks then we head to Raglan Area School. Should you have any queries, you can contact us on 0800 825 583 or 07 8599160.