



# 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

If your water-tanks were getting low then your prayers were answered and for the rest of us it was just plain wet, so the current fine spell is particularly enjoyable. The wet weather led to several cancellations for sports and we apologize for any inconvenience that may have caused. I have also noted a surprising number of our students who are arriving wet to school or going home through the rain without coats. Perhaps they could be encouraged to pull them out of hiding and wear them as it makes for a miserable start to the day to be wet and cold.

Matua Tipene who is currently the Lead Teacher in Te Roopu Aroha ki te Reo is leaving Raglan Area School at the end of Term One to commence a new role with ERO (Education Review Office) that will bring him new career challenges. We wish him all the best with his new mahi. An advertisement for this vacancy has been placed in the Educational Gazette and an appointment process is under way. At the conclusion, further details will be advised to you. It is hoped that we will have a person in place from the beginning of Term Two.

Our students represented us at the Western Cluster interschool swimming event and were well behaved, competitive, and gained pleasing results. Our thanks to all who supported them with transport, coaching and planning.

We are also advertising for a Year 9 teacher as this class has grown very large and we expect to be able to have two classes going forward that will work flexibly to provide the best opportunities for all students. Whanau of those students affected have been advised.

March 1<sup>st</sup> Roll data has been collated and sent off to the Ministry and we should hear before the end of the month the entitlement roll and staffing for 2017. This roll fixes the staffing for the whole of 2017 and also impacts on the Operational Grants for the BOT.

The Roopu travelled to Maketu Marae at Kawhia to attend the Poukai and I was privileged to travel with them. The whole experience was wonderful and I was proud to see our senior students working in the kitchens, at the table and in other roles supporting this kaupapa.

Thanks to all those of you who have recently supported class trips and given generously of your time. These events often form the memorable moments for our students and provide impetus for classroom activities and engagement. We are delighted to see our young people giving new challenges a go and being involved in our environment and larger communities.

Thanks to our senior students who supported Te Mata School at their recent Beach Day. I know that their presence and support was appreciated.

Nga mihi  
Malcolm

## TEACHER ONLY DAY MONDAY 27 MARCH

Teachers Professional Development Day. The school will be closed to all students.

## School Photo Day 23rd March

Last day for returning envelopes Wednesday 22nd March

Each student has been given a pre-payment, named envelope for their class photo. Sibling (**only photographed with siblings enrolled at school**) and ID card envelopes are available from the school office. Please note, we have no change for PhotoLife envelopes, please make sure all cheques are made out to Photo Life and correct amount of cash is in the envelope.

Please complete one envelope for each child.

### Student ID

Student ID Car Envelopes are available from the school office \$9.50. Please hand your student ID envelope (with the correct amount) to the office no later than Wednesday 22 March.

## Learning Skill

The curriculum is constantly evolving to ensure that we help students learn in a way that prepares them for tomorrow's world. It is designed to provide students with a strong foundation for learning through programmes that are engaging and authentic, allowing learners to achieve academic excellence and a life long love of learning.

The Year 7-10 team and working with our students so that can become effective learners. One hour every week the students have the opportunity to go and focus on a learning skill that they feel they need to work on. After 10 weeks the students can then either re:engage in the same learning skill or choose another.

Learning Skill	Learning skill broken down
Communication	Communication Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing, Viewing, Presenting, Nonverbal communication
Social	Accepting responsibility, Respecting others, Cooperating, Resolving conflict, Group decision-making, Adopting a variety of group roles
Self management	Gross motor skills, Fine motor skills, Spatial awareness, organization, Time management, Safety, Healthy lifestyle, Codes of behavior, informed choices
Research	Formulating questions, observations, Planning, Collecting data, Recording data, Organizing data, Interpreting data, Presenting research findings
Thinking	Acquisition of knowledge, Comprehension, Application, Analysis, Synthesis, Evaluation, and Dialectical thought, Metacognition



# Get Set Go

On Friday 3rd of March D3 and Meremere classes represented our junior syndicate and school at the Get Set Go fundamental skills day at Whatawhata School. This was organised and run by our local Project Energise team from Sport Waikato. What a fantastic day and a great opportunity for some of our youngest students to get involved in sport alongside peers from the Western Cluster community. For many of the group, this was their first school trip outside of Raglan. Huge thanks to the great team of parent helpers who came to support our tamariki.



## That was Summer (Student Writing)

Remember when the sand was crunching between my toes as I slowly made my way to the water?  
Remember the waves smashing down, wetting my happy face?  
That was summer

Leon Patterson (E5)

## Year 0-2 Beach Day

The Year 0-2 classes had a fantastic Beach Day at Te Kopua Wednesday 8th. The sun shone, the students were great and all had fun playing games, challenging themselves on the playground, making sand sculptures, swimming and taking part in sack races and egg (golf ball!) and spoon races. We finished the day with chilled watermelon slices!

Many thanks to the whanau who were able to support us by walking down and back, and for helping with our safe swim on the high tide.



## The E3 Poem

E3 has been learning to write metaphors. Our class collaborated on this poem, which is modelled on 'The Ian Sharp Poem' by Ian Sharp. The students are now working on individual poems.

*E3 is a red racing mini, speeding down the highway.*

*E3 is a cave, where the walls are lined with books.*

*E3 is a towering skyscraper, getting taller everyday.*

*E3 is a surfer, learning new tricks in the waves.*

*E3 is a giant gummy worm, filled with new ideas.*

Jack Meek writing his version of the Ian Sharp Poem

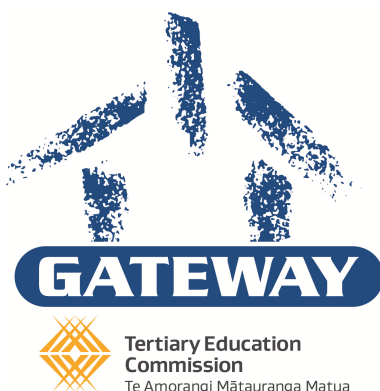


## Gateway 2017

**Gateway 2017** is off to a great start with four Y12 students experiencing the service industry by participating in The Warehouse Red Shirts in Schools programme. This programme runs nationwide and consists of 10 days work experience over 10 weeks. It covers principles of customer service and results in the Customer Service Award - made up of 22 credits towards the National Certificate in Retail (Level 2) and NCEA (Level 2).

### What is Gateway?

Gateway is a Tertiary Education Commission initiative that gives senior students the opportunity to get important work experience in their chosen profession and help make the move from school into a career.



## Raglan Time Bank

The Raglan Timebank is one of many timebanks that are growing around New Zealand to build stronger more resilient local communities.

TimeBanking is a way of trading skills in a community. It uses time, rather than money, as the measurement tool.

As a member of the timebank you share your skills with other members within the community and are given a credit for every hour of work you do. With the credits you gain, you can 'buy' someone else's time, and get the service you need. It is always an hour for an hour, regardless of what skills are provided. Everyone's time is valued equally.

### Advantages of joining the Raglan Timebank are:

- Learning new skills, and sharing our skills with others
- Getting to know the people who live around us: our neighbours
- Supporting and caring for one another
- Promoting equality and social justice
- Re-valuing skills currently undervalued in our society
- Regenerating and building community

Community based organisations can become timebank members as well as individuals. This can provide an opportunity to reward volunteers with timebank credits that they can use in our community to buy skills that they need.

Please contact Timebank coordinator Juliana [timebank@whaingaroa.org.nz](mailto:timebank@whaingaroa.org.nz) to join the Raglan Timebank and to arrange an orientation session  
Or go to the [Raglan Timebank](#) website for further information