



# 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

We have students involved in several cultural and musical regional competitions and it is delightful to have the band, B Major (members Sasha, Jack, Emily, Dughall, Sven and Kate) qualify last weekend for the regional finals of the SmokeFree Rockquest 2017 and equally pleasing to see that our TheatreSport team competing very successfully in the Waikato Secondary Schools competition including a win in round two. (This team includes Connor, Sasha, Jack, Leila-Rose and Mason.)

Our senior rugby team had a win last week and there were a number of magic moments during a well disciplined game and then this weekend a loss during a game where again they demonstrated great heart and discipline. Congratulations to all involved.

The rebuild of the junior block is in an exciting phase and Rebecca and Jane will be spending time this Friday and the following Monday to shift D4 into a new D1. Their students will be taught by Linda during this time so that these two can set up the new spaces for their class. The moment they are out the builders will move onto D4 and begin the refurbishment through that part of the building. And yes that does mean that Celia will be shifting into her new space this term and probably Amy also.

The ERO team spent four days last week with us and were particularly impressed by our students and I would like to thank all of them that met with the ERO team. They have left us with considerations of how to move forward and suggestions to improve processes. Their draft report will go to the BOT in about four weeks.

Rumour has it that there are some whanau who would consider volunteering time to the kura for a variety of jobs. I have always been open to the notion that donations to the school can be monetary or time or expertise so if this is what you are willing to consider, please contact me as there are times when We really could do with some extra willing hands.

Nga mihi  
Malcolm

## Science Road Show

Kia ora and a massive thanks to all those who attended, and were involved in, the Science Roadshow!

The Science Roadshow is a mobile science discovery centre. Annually it travels the length of New Zealand, in a 15 metre truck and trailer, bringing a range of cool interactive science and technology exhibits into communities. The mission of the Science Roadshow is to support science education in New Zealand schools.

The students who assisted the visiting scientists, as helpers and 'explainers', showed leadership and responsibility, and were a credit to our school.

I very much enjoyed seeing the students contributing during the two science shows and witnessing their skills and abilities with some hands-on science action on the exhibits.

Matua C



## Whats coming up this month

Wednesday 31 May - Senior (Year 9-13) Cross County Period 5  
 Thursday 1 June - **TRAKTR** – Haerenga – Maungatautari Sanctuary  
 Friday 2 June - **Western Cluster** – Cross country competition



# Akaroa 2017

Early on the morning of Easter Monday, stuffed full of Easter eggs, four of the Senior Leadership Team made our way to school. We loaded into the vans and began our journey to the cold, cold South Island. Amy, Joy, Liam and I then excitedly boarded our plane. On arrival at Christchurch airport we were all super cold and very hungry, so naturally, we streamlined for the airport food court. The hour and a half long bus ride to Wainui (across the bay from Akaroa), didn't feel nearly as long as it actually was because the beautiful picturesque landscape helped the time fly by. We arrived at YMCA camp in Wainui early Monday afternoon.

Day 1 entailed getting assigned our rooms, meeting our roommates and just playing a few ice breaker games to get to know the other 40 odd students from other Area schools that had come from all across New Zealand. At first, I found it difficult to come out of my shell and be so open with such a large group of strangers - but knowing that we were all from small schools helped because it meant we were all in the same boat in doing something we weren't used to. Day 2 and 3 was when the barriers began to break, as we had begun our activities. Through the week we had exciting (sometimes scary) activities that we could look forward to abseiling, coasteering, kayaking, the giant swing and high ropes to name a few. All of these activities included elements of trust, fear and discomfort. Being thrown in the deep end with a group of strangers and needing to work together to accomplish amazing but often frightening things, such as getting to the top of the high ropes, is not an easy thing but everyone did a really good job at cooperating and working in their assigned groups while of course having heaps of fun. Day 4, Thursday - we all travelled via bus around the steep and windy coastline of Banks Peninsula. We went across the bay, through Akaroa township, and to Onuku Marae. We spent the day at the beautiful marae, learning a bit about its history, making fish and flowers out of harakeke, spray painting, and learning about taiaha. Day 5, Friday - we played heaps of fun games, one being Wizards and Warlocks which was like a massive scavenger hunt with obstacles and activities we had to do in order to continue through the hunt and gain points, by now we knew almost everyone in the camp, and everybody felt super comfortable. We were all

great friends by Friday which made the discomfort and nervousness we had felt at the beginning of the week feel so distant. 5am on Saturday morning we walked onto the bus looking like a group of zombies and began the drive to Christchurch airport. We said our goodbyes and jumped on our plane. Although we had an amazing week, it was good to be home.

This trip was amazing and I think it is fair to say we all learnt such valuable lessons about leadership, pushing through our comfort zones, and participating/contributing in group situations. This trip was a time that I will definitely remember for a very long time to come. On behalf of Amy, Joy, Liam and I, I'd like to say a massive thank you to Matua Quenten, Whaea Rose and Matua T for coming on this trip with us for always helping and encouraging us throughout the week, and of course for collecting yummy seafood for our dinner while we were down south. All four of us appreciate it so much! Thank you!

Lexi Holmes



## Te Ropu Aroha ki te Reo Term Update

### He kupu whakamihi...

E rere ana ngā kupu whakamihi ki ngā whanau i tae ā tinana ki ngā pō uiui. It is always a privilege to share the joys of learning with you all. Ngā mihi matakui. If you were unable to attend the pō uiui, and you wish to talk with your tamaiti's kaiako please do not hesitate to come and make a time to catch up.

Tua atu ki tērā ki ngā whanau i haere mai ai ki te hui whanau, tēnā koutou. Thank you to all those whanau attended the hui whanau. It was encouraging to see so much support. Kia kaha e tātou mā – nā tō koutou rourou, nā tō mātou rourou tātou katoa e ora ai.

### Whanau hōu ...

Kei te mihi mahana, kei te mihi nui ki ngā whanau hou ki tō tātou Roopu. Nau mai, haere mai e Koa van Hoppe rāua ko Shyah-Marie Brown me ō rāua whanau hoki. Koa and Shyah are currently transitioning, and will be welcomed with a Pōwhiri Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 9am. Whanau are asked to tautoko with a perēti kai and ensure tamariki are dressed appropriately.

### Kaupapa ako ...

This term tamariki will continue to explore our kura waiata *Whakamau* – the gift so generously left to us by our esteemed e Kui. Lessons will come from a pūtaiao (science) perspective encouraging tamariki to investigate Papatūānuku, Tāne Mahuta and the whenua. In support of

learning Te Roopu Aroha ki Te Reo will be heading out to Maungatautari to the Ecological Sanctuary. Whanau are invited to joins us. We will need at least 5 pakeke to support this haerenga. Pānui will go home this week. Please complete the permission portion, indicate if you are able to tautoko and return as soon as possible.

### Oma whakawhiti whenua ...

Cross country is with us again whanau and tamariki are training hard. Tamariki have been further developing running skills, stamina and technique. On the day tamariki are encouraged to wear appropriate running shoes – the track is full of tutu. Kia kaha tonu mai e tātou mā.

### Ti-Hāte Roopu

Roopu ti-hāte are available for purchase at the tari for \$20. Please see Whaea Sue.

### Kutu

We currently have solution available for whanau who would like some. It's free whanau! Please do not hesitate to contact your kaiako.

**Noho ora pai mai ki ngaa waa kainga  
Naa Ngaa Kaiako o Te Roopu Aroha ki te Reo 2017**

## RAS Golf Champ 2017

School Golf competition

Wednesday 31 May 12.00 pm to 3.00 pm

Divisions: Year 6-8 and Year 9-13

At the Raglan Golf Club, Te Hutewai Road

Pre registration required, please see Matua Peter or Matua Glenn

Transport: Van available to and from school

## Auckland Writers' Festival

On Thursday the 18th of May some very privileged Yr 8-10 students were driven to the Auckland Writers' Festival. The students had an amazing time and were glad for the opportunity. During the outing the students enjoyed listening to two incredible writers. Mandy Hager, an inspiring author and James Shapiro, an expert on Shakespeare. A huge thank you to Sarah Johnson and Dave O'Loughlin; our designated drivers. Also we greatly appreciate the Auckland Writers Festival for supplying our school with transport.

**QUIZ NIGHT coming up on Friday 23 June at the Raglan Bowling Club. It's a fundraiser for our Central North Island Area School reps.**

**\$20 a ticket pp includes Kai**

**6 people per team**

**Awesome prizes & fun night guaranteed!**

**If you would like to enter please phone or email Sam Cowley [sport\\_coordinator@raglanarea.school.nz](mailto:sport_coordinator@raglanarea.school.nz) ph. 0210510911**