



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

Only just found this newsletter? Not sure whether you have received them all? Prefer to receive an electronic version? Then please ensure that your details are correct at the school for your email and cell phone contacts. We intend to transition to electronic platforms. However, as necessary hard copies will still be produced to ensure that everyone does receive them.

Kereana Mataira has joined our team in support of the rumaki unit, Te Roopu Aroha Ki Te Reo. Whaea Kereana is also an ex-student of Raglan and it is a privilege to now have her join us as a colleague. Kereana is well connected in Raglan and her mother, Grace, also taught in the immersion unit some years ago. It is interesting to consider how many staff at the kura were also students here and the list is long. If you know the staff well then you will probably be able to name at least nine current or recent staff.

Whaea Kylie has graciously agreed to take the acting lead of the Rumaki while we advertise for long term staffing in this area of the Kura.

The rebuild of the junior block has been slower than anticipated and we are still a few weeks out from the initial 'shifting in'. That said it is now getting very exciting as we discover the new spaces and the opportunities they provide for us.

The ERO team will join us next week for a few days and we welcome them. Key parts of this review include the new sexuality education curriculum, teachers registration, and obviously students achievement. It is interesting to note that they are specifically looking for indicators of achievement and participation outside of the academic indicators.

Our senior rugby team had a 'bye' for their first game and so had a run and practice instead. They are critically short of numbers and can barely field a team so if any other eligible students are interested then they would be very welcome. My particular thanks to our parents who are determined for our young men to have this opportunity and persist in their efforts and give unstinting support.

It is always pleasing to note when our students are engaged in volunteer work in the community and give generously of their time. I would like to acknowledge Julius Kite who is a volunteer with the Raglan Fire Brigade and loves the opportunity to serve.

National Geographic KIDS is a great publication that includes articles about animals and places that are hugely interesting and aimed at younger readers. It was a delight to see one of our five year olds featured on the Junior Reporters Club page in the latest issue. Congratulations to George Bull on his article about his special butterfly garden.

As a by-line not only would I recommend this magazine to you but if I thought there was any single magazine that ought to be in every New Zealand home then I would have to recommend the New Zealand Geographic to you. It is an outstanding publication that celebrates New Zealand.

On another positive note I would like to thank the Meridian Te Uku Community Fund holders for their generosity as they have given us a grant to purchase a set of mountain bikes. This allows us to introduce mountain cycling as a recreational and competitive interest as well as being able to give our students access to the local trails and tracks that are being developed. (Not least the new trail on our coast, Te Ara Kakariki). Should your child take special interest in this and you were looking for a suitable bike then I would like to recommend Cyclery Raglan who are supplying our bikes.

Nga mihi

Malcolm

Sexuality Education Parent Meeting - Tuesday 30th May 6pm-7pm

Last year I was lucky enough to travel throughout the North Island for the Ministry of Education to share with schools Board of Trustees and Principals the new Sexuality Education guidelines.

These can be accessed here: file:///Users/bronwyn_haitana/Downloads/Sexuality+Education+Guide_27+July+2016.pdf

Sexuality education in New Zealand takes a positive view of sexual development as a natural part of growing up. It encompasses learning about physical development, including sexual and reproductive knowledge, gender identity, relationships, friendships, whānau and social issues. It sits within the broader area of relationship education, which also includes social and emotional learning (SEL), and violence prevention education.

This term the Year 0-10 will be beginning their topic on sexuality education. Unfortunately I had to postpone the 2nd May Parent meeting so this is instead of that meeting.

Whats coming up this month

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| Thursday 18 May | - Writers trip to Auckland
- Year 7 Immunization
- TRAKTR Whanau Hui |
| Friday 19th May | - University of Waikato Open Day |
| Tuesday 23 May | - Year 9 Trip to Hamilton |
| Wednesday 24 May | - Year 0-8 Cross Country |
| Thursday 25 May | - Board of Trustees meeting |
| Friday 26 May | - Pink Shirt Day
- Auckland Careers Day |

Raglan Area School Year 0-8 Cross Country 24th May.

5 yrs – 8 yrs old (9:30am -11:30am),

9 yrs - 14 yrs up to Year 8 (11:30am - 2pm)

Year 9/10 English Visit Pop Up Globe

Last Thursday 4th May, six students from our combined Year 9-10 English class went to Auckland to see Shakespeare's *Othello* at the Pop Up Globe. At 11.30am, Bayley, Josef, Karewa, Arikitaui, Te Haeata and Manon, piled into Whaea Lizzy's Toyota Wish and headed off to the City of Sails.

On the way we stopped for Maccas at Mercer, but some people chose a more nutritious option. With plenty of time to spare, and some confusing advice from Aunt Google we arrived at The Globe Theatre next to Eilerslie Race-Course.

We were all impressed by the replica 400 year old theatre, which is round (like a globe), has no ceiling in the centre and reminded us of a palace.

Once inside, some of the cast were already playing medieval music which 'gave a chill and welcoming vibe'. Our Groundling tickets, really were 'standing only' as the nice volunteer lady explained when we tried to rest our tired teenage legs on some of the many spare 'rich people' seats.

For the rest of the show we stood right in front of the stage, so close that Bayley had wine poured on him. In the final scene, **Iago** (the baddie) died centimetres from our faces, before being raised to the ceiling, up-side-down by a chain. That was our best bit.

Quotes:

"This is really different to the movie!"

"It was cool to see the actors interact with the audience."

"The costuming was so realistic I thought I was back in the 17th Century... Especially Desdemona's undergarments!"

"My favourite was the special effects: candles, fireworks, live musicians and fake blood." Not bad for 400 year old technology.

"What a lovely bunch of kids, I'm proud to be from R.A.S" said Whaea.

With some lucky rush hour traffic, we headed back to Whaingaroa with a dinner stop at Bombay. Whaea got us all home safely by 9pm. It was an unforgettable day.

Tēnā koe Wiremu Wiritao!



Sports News

Winter sport is underway and what fantastic weather we had last weekend to kick it all off! Well done to all teams getting off the ground! And a massive thank you to the coaches and managers who have taken on these important roles. We couldn't do it without you. Don't forget to support our team school community, I'll update the game times and venues every Friday on the RAS Sport facebook group.

Scholastic Surf Waikato

Congratulations to Brie Bennett, Jayden Willoughby, Joseph Jungwirth & Kora Cooper for being selected for the Waikato Scholastic Surf Team. Well done guys look forward to following your progress.

Basketball

There's a muster for senior basketball players straight after school next Monday, 15 May, school gym. Comp starts 31 May and runs every Wednesday playing other teams in the North Waikato Cluster, there are a few new teams this year so it's looking good!

Mountain Biking

We are continuing on with this through Term 2, every Tuesday lunch time, weather permitting. It would be great to have more parent support to help out for the times I'm away. Please let me know if you'd be keen. We are so pleased to announce we have been approved for funding

from Meridian Energy for 10 new mountain bikes to support this awesome kaupapa. We hope to encourage more students to get involved, bike or no bike! Huge thanks to Meridian Energy for the opportunity this provides for our students.

Waka Ama

A reminder that this Saturday, 13 May, is the annual Whaingaroa Hoe, there are 1000+ paddlers heading to Raglan for the race. Te Kopua may be congested so please be patient and take care of our tamariki if you're heading that way. The first race starts at 9am, it's pretty cool to watch if you're around this weekend.

Best of luck this weekend to our Soccer, Rugby and Netball teams competing around the Waikato and to all of our junior sport students.

"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do."

-Pele

Year 7-9 First Aid Course

Year 7 - 9's are participating in a full days first aid.

Jason and Ari are doing the first group session next Thursday. We will be asking students for a gold coin koha to donate to red cross.

"New Zealand Red Cross has offered a basic first aid course to our students. The children learned valuable life saving skills to help them in an emergency such as how to call for help, the importance of the recovery position, treating a burn, and what to do if their young sibling is choking. New Zealand Red Cross offers such courses to thousands of school students every year, all free of charge."

Year 5-6 Surfers Say Thankyou

Year 5-6 surfers would like to say a big thank you to Green Wave Surf school for the use of their equipment to make our surfing option a real success!



Seadog Surfing

The water whips my face as I attempt to turn. Forming my hand into a cup and striding it through the water. Over, over and over again. Skye and I had a rule! If you find a wave that you want, you say my wave. I was ready to catch one, as ready as a loaded machine gun. "My wave," I inform Skye.

My arms pump harder than they ever had before. My feet glide through the water and then I know I'm going to catch this wave. The back of the board gets slightly lifted. "BOOM!" I'm off. I rise to a stand position. Speeding across the glassy ocean feels like it's a one in a lifetime experience.

The water spits at me with its salty saliva. Which totally kills the vibe. The tip off the board carves the tip of the wave, landing in a neutral position. Suddenly, my four fins hit rock bottom. I get thrown off my board. Tossed into the water and my head gets dunked under. I jump up, grab my board and rush out deeper, ready for my next wave.

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