



### **Bus Service Information Session for Parents and Caregivers**

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, from 2:00PM to 2:45PM, I will be running a Bus Service Information session about the planned changes for Term 2, in the school hall for any interested families. This is the same presentation the Board offered on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Just turn up if you would like to attend. I have really appreciated parents coming in to see me, or ringing, to find out more details of these changes planned for next term.

### **Water Tower Bus Timetable (morning run)**

Between 8:33AM and 8:43AM, the Water Tower Bus will be travelling the route of Whitley St, Tahuna Ave, Wainui Rd (stops at Raglan West Store), Wainui Rd to Bow St, Wallis St, Government Rd, Manukau Rd, then on to SH 23 to Te Uku school, arriving 8:55AM. Joanne Burman from Go Bus has said...*"It is important that all students are at their pick up points at least 5 mins before pick up time, as not every ones watch is identical. Also if some students are away and the bus doesn't stop as often, it can easily make up at minute or two along the way"*.

### **Behaviour on the School Bus**

On Wednesday, I received a report from Joanne Burman at Go Bus that the Raglan West bus driver Steve is finding there is an excessive level of noise being created by some of the children on the bus. This issue has been confirmed by the bus monitors. I have met with the children concerned and let them know that unless noise levels drop, some children may need to be issued a Code of Conduct. Please review the following behaviour expectations with your child/ren if they use the bus...

### **Behaviour Expectations ON THE SCHOOL BUS**

- Once seated, remain seated.
- Seated passengers put bag on knee.
- Keep behind the driver at all times.
- Keep voices low so the driver can concentrate.
- Keep still so the driver is not distracted.
- No eating or drinking on the bus.
- Keep inside of the bus clean and damage free.
- No shouting or gesturing out of the windows.
- Follow the monitors' instructions.
- Show respect to everyone

### **Junior Discovery Camp**

A big thank you to all the parents/caregivers who helped with the Junior Discovery sleep over last Thursday night. The children had a fun filled evening and all have said that they really enjoyed the food that was prepared for them. We would like to especially acknowledge The Raglan Bakery and The Raglan Butchery for their generous donations of buns and meat patties for our dinner. Their support meant we were able to keep the costs down for this event. Our school field looked like a camping ground at peak holiday season, and it was great that all children, most parents and teachers, managed to have a good nights sleep.

The Junior Discovery Teachers



Nga mihi ki a koutou

*Rachel Allan*

### **Vision and Hearing Checks in Schools**

The Vision Hearing Technician will be at Te Uku School 17<sup>th</sup> March at 10.45am. If you require a screening test for your child/ren, please contact the office to register, or to obtain an information sheet

### **Raglan Junior Soccer Registration**

To all aged 5 -13 boys and girls wishing to play soccer this year. We realise that summer has only just arrived but we need to start thinking about registering for the upcoming soccer season.

Registration opens 20<sup>th</sup> February and closes 2 weeks later on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

You can enrol online at [www.raglanjuniorsoccer.co.nz](http://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.

Thanks, from the RJS Committee

### **Tamariki Touch**

'Tamariki Touch' is running again this term. A six week module, starting 3rd March with last game on the 7th of April. Niki Maniapoto 027 323 5770 or Jacqui Forbes 021 043 1127, ngā mihi!

### **Raglan Junior Rugby Club - 2017 Weigh-In**

It's hard to believe that the rugby season is just around the corner. We are looking forward to another exciting season of rugby, so kids it's time to dust off your boots and get ready for training!

Weigh-In will be held at the Raglan Rugby Clubrooms on:

Thursday 9th March from 4.30pm – 6.30pm and Sunday 12th March from 10am - 12pm

All new players need to bring a copy of their Birth Certificate or Passport that can be kept by the club

Please note: Payment of subs is due at weigh-in. EFT-POS and internet banking facilities will be available. \$25 for an individual player, \$40 for a family of two or more players. We may not be able to process late registrations so please spread the word.

For more information please contact Janine 0274253273

### **FLIPT**

Surfside Church is running their FLIPT programme for primary school age children again this year. This is a fun programme with games, craft and some values based teaching via DVD. The children will also receive a healthy snack on arrival. It will run once a week on a Wednesday afternoon for 6 weeks starting Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March until Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, finishing just before Easter. Start time is 3.00pm and finishing at 4.

Any enquiries to Surfside Church office on 8255199 or email [info@surfside.co.nz](mailto:info@surfside.co.nz) or the FLIPT Coordinator, Janet Peart on 8255855, email [janet.peart@surfside.co.nz](mailto:janet.peart@surfside.co.nz) or txt 021 1040245.

### **Weet-Bix Tryathlon**

On the 19th February, 5 people from Discovery 3 went to the weat-bix tryathlon. The weather was disgusting as it was pouring down with rain. The order of the events were swimming, biking then running. The people had to cut the bike race short because it was raining.

Kamron's favourite event was the biking because it was challenging. You had to bike on grass and people got in my way. R.J's favourite event was biking too, because he had a brand new bike and it was a good opportunity to test it out. Kamron's least favourite event was swimming and R.J's least favourite event was swimming too.

We got vouchers in our weat-bix box. We got a beach ball from Nivea, a pass the parcel pack and a pen from Warehouse stationery, a yoyo from Asics, a bouncy ball and some tattoo's all for free. At the end there was a prize giving where you could win a free bike and all sorts of stuff like that. Anyway give it a try next year in 2018.

Written By R.J & Kamron

For me, it started, 5 o'clock in the morning. (Excellent). My family scrambled all over the place to get everything ready for the wet journey to Hamilton. I chose to do this tryathlon simply because it's fun (and the free stuff). Once we arrived at the University, we had to get in a long registration line to make sure we weren't sneaking in and get our bikes registered. Once that was out of the way we all looked for something to eat. We found a breakfast tent with obviously weatbix. And yogurt. I got my weatbix and two containers of berry yoghurt. Then we started looking for our school tent. It took a while but then we found our teachers and directed us to our tent. After that we went exploring around and waited for the exciting events to start. We were all soaked from the rain and grass. Finally, the events started. I'm sorry but I'll have to skip the swimming because I was in an amazing group with me and Joshua Alexander. So let's get to the extreme biking :) It took about five minutes to find my bike. And when I did find it. I was gone like a bullet. My bike is a GT and is super-fast. I was in the red grouping but with my skill. I caught up with the yellows. Even though I started late. After that was obviously the running. Josh and I ran side by side. And we finished faster than other people. We got our weatbix official medal. We were all muddy, and took a photo together, then watched our sisters finish.

By Ezra Lucas

On Sunday 19 February lots of kids from NZ came to the Hamilton kid's tryathlon. It was very challenging because we had to wake up at 6.30. It was very wet and muddy. A big, BIG rain cloud covered the weatbix tryathlon. A lot of people showed up and a lot did not. Bella did a team event with Indie. Bella did the bike and Indie did the swim and they both did the run. I, Matias, did the individual event. The swim was 75 to 100 meters. Biking was only one lap because of the rain.

It was held in Hamilton at Waikato University. Oh and did we tell you that there were famous people like Sarah Walker and the All Blacks? I, Bella, thought it was like biking on water. Indie my buddy slipped at the start of the run. It was an amazing tryathlon!

Written by Matias and Bella

### **Term One Events**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Cluster “Get, Set, Go” day for Years 1 and 2 at Whatawhata School

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Discovery Four Camp

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March: School Assembly in the Hall

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Year 7 & 8 Immunisations

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Cluster swimming sports in Ngaruawahia

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Vision and Hearing checks in school

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Cluster softball for Years 5 and 6 at Raglan Domain

