



Te Mata School Newsletter

NEWSLETTER #11 - Week 2, TERM 2 2018



Kia ora te whanau,

What an awesome week of learning experiences for students at Te Mata School. We all enjoyed having the police dog handlers here. Such a great opportunity for questions and to see a demonstration.

Many thanks to Robyn Christie organising our Wind farm visits, even booking such glorious weather! Sam and Robyn answered lots of questions from our children and parents. To see the wind turbines so close up was amazing. Thank you to all parents who supported us.

This week we have our "Equal Voices", sign language theatre company workshops for all classes on Wednesday. Then on Friday we are a "Wacky Hair School!" All donations will go to Ronald McDonald House.

Mrs Fiona Gott

THIS WEEK'S TOP NEWS

Sign Language Week Equal Voices Arts is a award winning international theatre company, passionate about inclusive and accessible work (www.equalvoicesarts.com). They have just completed a nationwide tour of NZ with their new 'Salonica', which was performed in New Zealand Sign Language and English, and accessible to both Deaf and hearing audiences.

To accompany the tour, the Deaf and hearing company members have been delivering physical theatre workshops to people of all ages in schools, colleges and theatres.



They are coming to Te Mata School on Wednesday 9th May to work with each class and are really excited to work with the children!

Vision and Hearing Checks in School

This Vision and Hearing checks are coming to **Te Mata School on Thursday 24th May in the afternoon**. Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school. The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing defects.



Which children are routinely checked?

- Catch up screening for children who have not completed vision and hearing checks as part of their B4 School Check
- Children absent from previous visit, require retests or follow up
- New Immigrants
- All Year 7 student's vision only

If there is a genuine concern, parents and teachers may request a vision or hearing check NB; parents must consent to this

What tests are carried out?

Ears

- Audiometry (hearing test)
- Tympanometry – middle ear function test (only carried out when hearing test is not within a normal range)

Eyes Long distance vision tests – not a complete visual examination, but a simple screening test. NB *All of these checks are non-invasive, safe and should cause no discomfort.*

The Vision Hearing Technician will:

- Notify parents of all test results
- Enter results on Ministry of Education database (Enrol)

The Vision Hearing Technician will obtain personal details from the school ie; names, date of birth. If the technician needs to contact parents or caregivers following the visit, addresses and phone numbers will also be required. Our Service may share this information with other health professionals involved in the children's care. **If any parents/caregivers do not want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision or hearing defect, they should let the school know.**



Raglan Go Bus Service Fees

Payment due dates have not changed for this service, they are due in by Week 4. Invoices were emailed out last week, if you didn't receive yours then please contact Celeste at admin@temataraglan.school.nz.



School Disco

Next Friday 18th May

Where: Te Mata School Hall

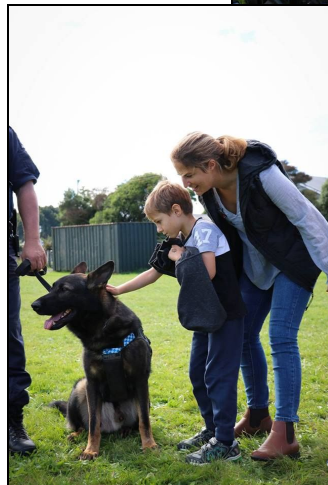
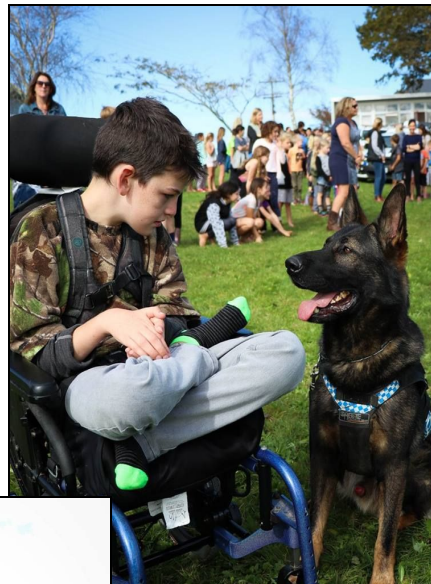
Time: 5-7pm (Year 1 to 8)

Cost: Gold coin donation

Dress: Dress in your best

We will have music to dance to and food/drinks for sale. So bring your coins to spend and contribute to the P.T.A fundraising. See you there with your dancing shoes on!

Thanks Waikato Police for coming to meet us!



Wind Farm Visit On Thursday the entire school was treated to a visit up to the Wind Farm. We were very fortunate to have great weather and the seniors were also treated to a trip to Bridal Veil Falls. Thank you Robyn Christie for getting us up there safely and showing us around. Big thank you to all the parents that also came along to help out we couldn't have done it without you!



Anzac Wreath Competition Congratulations
Te Mata School...we are the winners of
this years Anzac Wreath Competition!

The students did an awesome job and we are very proud of you all. Special thanks to Mrs Hanna for her concept and design this year.



Book your babysitters for Quiz Night! The Te Mata School PTA are hosting a Quiz Night at the Raglan Town Hall on Friday 27th July 2018 from 6.30pm. Get a team together and come and help us raise funds for our learning resources here at school. We would appreciate your support for this big night!





Hamilton Car Club Fundraiser. Huge thank you to all our wonderful helpers on Sunday supporting the Hamilton Car Club Fundraiser. Your time and energy is appreciated (especially in the pouring rain). Awesome drivers and supporters donating extra money and buying up our yummy food. Hope to see you again.

With gratitude from the Te Mata School P.T.A.

We have our upcoming disco next Friday, any parents keen to help up set up and pack down would be appreciated.



Teachers Only Day Please note that the school will be closed on Wednesday 30th May, 2018 for a Teachers Only Day.

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, 7th May	Whanau to join Fiona Gott for Morning Tea (9.30am) All welcome
Tuesday, 8th May	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday, 9th May	Equal Voices Arts Theatre Workshop for Sign Language Week
Friday, 11th May	Crazy Hair Day! For Ronald McDonald House (Gold Coin Donation)
Friday, 18th May	Te Mata School Cross Country
Friday 18th May	School Disco - Te Mata Hall 5-7pm
Thursday, 25th May	Vision and Hearing Checks in School (afternoon)
Friday, 25th May	Interschool Cross Country
Wednesday 30th May	Teachers Only Day (TOD) - SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED
Monday, 4th June	Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday)
Wednesday, 20th June	Student Led Conferences (afternoon session)
Thursday, 21st June	Student Led Conferences (evening session)
Friday, 29th June	Ballot Deadline for Out of Zone Enrolments Term 1 & 2, 2019