



# Te Mata School Newsletter

NEWSLETTER #8 - Week 9, TERM 1 2018



Kia ora te whanau,

It is wonderful to have Fiona and her family back this week, and I look forward to returning to Whai.

It is our people that make Te Mata School unique! Thank you so much to Steven Schnuriger for mowing our school field last week. The grass clippings created the most incredible lunchtime play for all of our students! If you would like to team up with Steven and help him with this job can you please let us know.

We have some exciting upcoming dates and important information in this newsletter. Look out for information about **private guitar tuition**, **'Wheels and Dress up day'** and next terms **'Cool Schools'** programme.

Have a wonderful Easter break this weekend and we will see all of your beautiful children, back here ready for learning and fun on Wednesday the 4th April.

**Trina Regnier - Deputy Principal**

## THIS WEEK'S TOP NEWS

**Swimming Pool Closure** The last day the pool will be open for the season is this **Thursday, 29th March 2018**. The pool will be closed from Easter onwards. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Lucy and Jon Meyer and Nigel Mcleod for keeping the pool clean and inviting all summer. The school community has enjoyed the use of this wonderful facility during the warmer months. **We ask that all pool key holders return their keys to the school office before the end of term.**





## Year 8 Hoodies

As part of acknowledging & encouraging our seniors at Te Mata School, each year we provide them with special order black Te Mata hoodies. These are something they look forward to and identifies them as leaders of our school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Richard Thomson of PGG Wrightson for donating the Year 8 hoodies this year. Every year our Year 8 students wear these with pride.

Kathy Briant



## Raglan Taxi Bus Update

Thank you to all those who attended last weeks parent meeting regarding the future of this service. We have been able to continue this service for the rest of 2018 and a letter went home to all future users to explain this. If you signed the form indicating you were interested in the Go Bus option and have not had a letter home last week please contact Celeste. Good news for Te Mata students needing to get to afternoon sports in Raglan Township, from Term 2 we will have the capacity to offer casual seats on the Raglan Taxi Bus. This will be a cashless system where you will be billed onto your school account for any casual trips. More information about this to come.

## On the lookout for a Part Time bus driver

Go Bus Transport have a part time school bus driving position available in the Raglan/Te Mata area. While a class 2 driver's licence could be an advantage, it is not essential as full training will be given to the successful applicant. You will require a full clean class 1 driver's licence, a great attitude, be reliable and communicate well with students. Our recruitment process includes Drug Testing and a Police Vetting Check. Please contact Joanne Burman on 07 828 7037 or 021 747 191. Or email [Joanne.Burman@gobus.co.nz](mailto:Joanne.Burman@gobus.co.nz).



## Congratulations Annika in Ruma Mangō!

Waikato Police have a winner for their puppy naming competition... it's JUSTICE. That winner goes to Te Mata School! Annika Mcleod in Mangō won the police puppy naming competition Justice will be arriving in the District some time in the next few weeks and Constable Jack Driver plans to follow his/her career. Firstly they need to visit the winner at Te Mata School, Raglan. Well done Annika! What a perfect name!

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**Rugby Players** Do you have a child that is keen to play rugby this year. We have a fantastic team of children but need a few more players for our 11th Grade Team. Please contact Dianne on 027 255 0901 or email [ragprop@extra.co.nz](mailto:ragprop@extra.co.nz).

**Caretaker Position** We have a position available for a school caretaker, this is 12-15 hours per month. Flexible hours and paid via timesheet. A job description is available at the school office. Please send your letter of application and CV to [admin@temataraglan.school.nz](mailto:admin@temataraglan.school.nz). The successful applicant will be police vetted. **Applications close today.**

**Private Guitar tuition available at school!** We are excited to offer individual guitar lessons with Ash Knox for Term 2, 2018. These are private music lessons that will take place here at school, during learning time. We need a minimum 3 students to go ahead.

1. The cost of each lesson is \$30/30 minutes, and you would need to make a commitment for the whole term. \$300 to be paid by the end of week 1, Term 2.
2. While your own guitar is needed to practice at home, the school can provide a guitar for the lesson. Ash is happy to advise on the purchasing of a guitar.
3. Lessons are suitable for children aged 6 and up, beginners to advanced.

A little but about **Ash Knox** BA (Mus) - Composition & Songwriting

*Ash is a professional musician with over 17 years experience tutoring guitar/bass and composition. A session guitarist in NZ and Australia for many soul, funk, jazz artists and DJ's, he brings real world experience to the classroom.*

*Currently he is a Guitar Tutor at St Peter's School Cambridge, where he has been teaching for the past 10 years. Previous Schools include; Southwell School Hamilton, Rototuna High, Te Kauwhata College, Te Uku, and Te Mata. Ash is also a former Itinerant Music Teacher for the Waikato ITM Scheme for the Ministry of Education, this program provides music education at a Secondary Level for Waikato's Country Schools.*

Please contact Trina Regnier as soon as possible if you have any questions or you would like to secure a spot! [trinar@temataraglan.school.nz](mailto:trinar@temataraglan.school.nz)

**Picking up your children** Parents can you please remember to let the Teacher on bus duty know if you pick up your child, when they usually catch the bus. We search high and low for children when loading the buses when we are not notified, this makes the buses late and teachers concerned we are leaving students behind. We really need your help here!



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**Thompsons ITM for building supplies** This is a great initiative for our school to raise some extra funds, by simply encouraging families to choose Thompsons ITM for building and DIY supplies. Any purchase made when using a priority card Thompsons give back 2.5% of the sale direct to Te Mata School! You simply need to nominate our school at the time of purchase.

**Cool Schools** We will be holding a **Teacher Only Day** on Wednesday the 30th of May (week 5). **The school will be closed this day.** On this day the teaching staff will be trained to lead the **Cool Schools Peer Mediation Programme**. This is a whole school programme for Primary and Intermediate Schools that teaches essential life skills for peaceful conflict resolution. The skills taught empower individuals to build positive, caring relationships with others especially when conflict arises over differences.

**Juniors on the Wharf** This day is education based around experienced anglers teaching kids how to fish and how to handle fish for release. Any queries phone Sheryl Hart 021943018. **Saturday 31st March (Easter Saturday)** | Start time 10.00 a.m. | Finish/Weigh in at 12.00 midday.

Free Entry | Juniors up to the age of 15 | All under 12 must be accompanied by an adult | Goody bags for all



**We Play** At Te Mata we celebrate the learning with play and we thought this term we would end with a bang. **Wheels Day/Dress up Day** will be held here at school on **Thursday 12th April** (last Thursday of the term). This will mean you can bring your wheels (no motors!), skateboards, scooters, drift bikes, go carts, roller blades etc. The only rule is you must bring a helmet too.




You can also dress up as your favourite book or movie character! We would also like to celebrate with the P.T.A's special hamburgers at \$5 a burger. This money will need to be brought to the office in a named envelope before Tuesday 10th April so we can tally your orders.

**P.T.A HELP NEEDED** - can you help on Wheels Day? Preparing, cooking or making burgers? Please contact Celeste or Jacqui to confirm if you have a little time to spare to bring some joy!



# Important Upcoming Dates

<b>Tuesday 27th March</b>	<b>Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm</b>
<b>Thursday 29th March</b>	<b>Te Mata School <b>Swimming Pool closes</b></b>
<b>School Closed</b>	30th March <b>Good Friday</b> 2nd April <b>Easter Monday</b> 3rd April <b>Easter Tuesday</b> 
<b>Wednesday 28th March</b>	<b>Free Ear Clinic</b> - Raglan Area School (all day)
<b>Friday, 6th April</b>	<b>Softball / T Ball</b> - Kopua Domain hosted by Raglan Area School. T-ball for years 5 & 6; Softball for years 7 & 8
<b>Sunday, 8th April</b>	<b>Top Schools Competition</b> - Te Kowhai School
<b>Thursday 12th April</b>	<b>Wheels Day and Dress up Day!</b>
<b>Friday, 13th April</b>	<b>Last day of Term 1</b>
<b>Wednesday 30th May</b>	<b>Teachers Only Day (TOD) SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED</b>



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