



Weekly Newsletter | Week 5 | Term 4 | 2024

Morena Te Mata Whanau,

On Friday 15th November we have our Teacher Only Day where we will be starting to unpack the refreshed NZ maths curriculum. This is a combined day working with Waitetuna and Te Akau teachers. School will be closed for all students. However I will be here later in the day to meet our returning Mango camp students. All Mango camp students will need to be collected by families after their return.

A reminder that all children should be wearing a sun hat at school when playing outside. Please make sure your child packs a hat and wears sunscreen. I have also reminded children about collecting their clothing and crocs at the end of the day. On Friday I noticed a lot of clothing and pairs of crocs left on the school field. I know these items are expensive and school cannot be held responsible if they disappear after school when they have been left outside by children.

Ngaa Mihi Nui,
Fiona Gott



Mango Camp

Our senior students are leaving for camp on Wednesday 13th November. They are going to Totara Springs for three days and will be taking part in lots of exciting activities. Thank you to the parents who are attending to support Ms Briant and the Mango students. I am sure an amazing time will be had by everyone.

The Code

On Monday teachers gained more Professional Learning about “The Code” a spelling system that focuses on both how our students are taught: explicitly, systematically and cumulatively; and what they are taught: Phonemic Awareness (Sounds), Orthography (the spelling system), Morphology (how words are formed), Vocabulary, Syntax and Grammar. Combined, giving our students the skills they need to read, spell and write with confidence. This is part of our structured literacy approach at Te Mata School and like the students our teachers are always learning and developing their practice.

Soccer Posts

A huge thank you to Paul Regnier who put up our P.T.A purchased soccer posts. We really appreciate his time and efforts to do this for us. The children have been playing with them non-stop.



Be Prepared !

It is important to be prepared and have a plan in case of a natural disaster. The government's "Get Ready" website has lots of helpful resources to prepare your household and your children with a plan in case of an emergency.

<https://getready.govt.nz/prepared/household>

A big congratulations to Malia Bridge for being the winner of Mango class camp T-Shirt design.



Malia decided on the colour as well as creating the image and here she is modelling her winning design of Mangos camp T-shirt. Rocking the blue Malia, congratulations.

REMINDERS

- **School Closed Friday 15th November for teacher only day**
- **School closes early 12th December for Student Led Conferences - 12.30pm finish**



Update from our Educators

Term 4 can be really busy for schools, resulting in our tamariki feeling worn out and ready for the summer holidays. We learnt a lot about sleep at our recent conference and how important it is to the overall health and well-being of children and teenagers.

Sleep plays a critical role in physical, cognitive, and emotional development. Proper sleep strengthens the immune system, regulates hormones, and aids in muscle tissue recovery. Sleep also affects emotional and mental health often influencing mood, coping abilities, and social interactions.

FACT

New Zealand children are amongst the most sleep-deprived in the world!

The impact of lack of sleep can lead to decreased cognitive function, impaired memory, higher stress levels, and increased risk of chronic conditions.



The quality of sleep is also really important and not getting enough restorative sleep can result in mood swings, reduced performance, and lower immunity!

Harold's Top Tips for a good night's sleep

- Create a relaxing bedtime routine - maybe taking a warm shower or bath about an hour before bed to help you feel sleepy
- Limit screen time before bed and no devices in the bedroom!
- Stick to a consistent sleep schedule, going to bed at the same time each night
- Keep your sleep environment quiet, cool and dark

RAGLAN TAXI BUS TE MATA SCHOOL SERVICE



2025 SCHOOL YEAR



NEARLY FULL

Get in quick, secure your spot for the 2025 school year!

- **36 seater bus:** run by the Raglan Taxi Bus Parent Group, a not for profit.
- **Price per term:** \$365 (based on an annual/4-term commitment).
- **Casual rate:** \$7 per trip (subject to availability).

Families with three or more children contact us for a family deal.

ROUTE



MORNING (AM)

8:15 Raglan West
8:19 Raglan Library
8:23 Manukau Road
8:25 Lorenzen Bay
8:40 Te Mata School

AFTERNOON (PM)

3:00 Te Mata School
3:15 Lorenzen Bay
3:17 Manukau Road
3:19 Raglan Library
3:25 Raglan West

CRUNCH THE NUMBERS

Term Fee vs. Car Alternatives*

School Bus (Term Fee): \$365
Small Hatchback: \$750
Medium Car: \$950
Big Car (V6): \$1150
Diesel Engine: \$1050

Per trip

\$3.65
\$7.50
\$9.50
\$11.50
\$10.50



*NOTES:

For illustrative purposes using modest IRD mileage rates, please do your own crunching.
Travel time can be estimated at 75 hours per term to factor in your time/hourly rate on top.

ABOUT US

Not-for-Profit Incorporated Society

Families on an annual contract become members of the society and can contribute through fundraising and decision-making.



Chair: Mary-Rose **Treasurer:** Charlotte **Secretary:** Katrina



The following are our term dates for 2025:

Term One - 7th February - 11th April

Term Two - 28th April - 27th June

Term Three- 14th July - 19th September

Term Four - 6th October - 19th December



Important Upcoming Dates

13-15 November	Senior Camp - Totara Springs
15 November	Teacher Only Day – School Closed
22 November	Interschool Athletics
29 November	Cricket Y5-8
29 November	Junior Zoo Trip
4-5 December	Haku Camp - Raglan Rock
12 December	Student led conferences – early finish
13 December	Y5-8 Bowls
16 December	Y8 Leavers Trip
18 December	End of Year Assembly 11am
19 December	Wheels Day





MUSIC LESSONS at Te Mata School

Does your child want to learn to play music?

Would you like in-school lessons with a professional Music Tutor with many years of teaching experience? You can enroll your child in guitar, ukulele, piano or drum lessons at Te Mata School!

We deliver a fun, varied and structured curriculum. Students learn songs in styles ranging from traditional to contemporary during school hours.

MUSIQHUB
PLAY SMART



For information on guitar, ukulele, piano and drum lessons, contact **Ruth and Michael Germon**
Email: ruth.michael@musiqhub.co.nz
Phone: 027 828 9076

Don't forget to check out our website
www.temataraglan.school.nz
for school calendar, term dates, teacher contact info.



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