



Weekly Newsletter | Week 3| Term 4 | 2024

Morena Te Mata Whanau,

I hope you all enjoyed your long weekend and managed to share some time with family and friends. Term four is always a busy term and I have added some dates to our calendar. In particular please note that our End of Year assembly is on Wednesday 18th December starting at 11am in the Te Mata Hall. We look forward to seeing our community on this day to celebrate our Year 8 students.

Our school grounds are looking amazing and we continue to thank Sue Brown for the gardening work that she does around school and Wayne Robbs for the mowing and water blasting of the deck. Please support us to keep it looking great by asking all children to bring their lunch box waste home.

We have some new soccer nets purchased by our PTA that are waiting to be put up. If anyone has spare time and would like to do this for us our children would be very appreciative.

Ngaa Mihi Nui,

Fiona Gott

(Tumuaki)



Term Four Hats and Sunscreen

Term 4 and Term 1 are sunsmart terms. This means that children need to wear a sun hat outside and apply sunscreen. We have sunscreen in classes but it is always best if children apply before leaving home in the morning. Please make sure children have water bottles.

End of Day Collection

If you collect your child at the end of the day please be here by 3pm. Children can become anxious and upset if they don't know what is happening for them and it is a particularly busy time for teachers to make contact and find out. If your child is normally a bus student and you collect them please make sure the bus duty teacher is aware and can sign them off the list.

Tennis Rackets
We are looking for
old tennis rackets for
children to use to
play tennis on the
super looking Te
Mata Tennis Group
courts. Now the area
is looking great we
have had renewed
interest from our
children wanting to
play. If you have any
old rackets hidden
away at home please
can you send them to
school.



Tabloids

Tabloids sports are on this Friday, 1st of November for our Year 1 and 2 students. We will be visiting Te Uku school for the day to enjoy some fun (hopefully in the sun). If you have a child attending could you please ensure your permission and transport forms have been completed and returned to your teacher. Thanks.

Attendance

Attendance is a focus for the government and they have a target that 80% of all students at a school attend regularly 90% of the time. Regular attendance is classified as less than 5 days' absence per term. Any child recording more than 5 days absence per term will not be meeting the government target. All our school attendance data is received daily by the Ministry of Education. At Te Mata school our attendance procedure is as follows. Firstly we ask that you notify us via the office if your child is going to be absent. If we don't hear from you a phone call or text will be made. If your child's attendance pattern falls below 90% you may receive a letter from school so that you are aware of their current attendance rate.

This is so that we can support families if they need any help to alter a child's attendance rate. If a child's attendance is below 15 days per term you may be contacted by other agencies. We can not justify absences for term time holidays or appointments in term time. Thank you for your understanding and support to create regular attendance for your child.

Refreshed Curriculum Teacher Only Day

A reminder that we have our Teacher Only Day on Friday 15th November. School will be closed on this day for all children apart from our Mango students who will be returning from camp. Mango camp students will return to school between 2.30pm and 3pm and I will be on site to meet all returning students from camp. These children will need to be collected from school by families.

Thank You

Thanks to Fence it Munnsy for your kind donation to our Agricultural Day. Also Wendy and Edward Hayes for their donation of sausages towards our barbecue. Our sponsors help to make these days happen and we are very grateful for their support.

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*	Per trip
School Bus (Term Fee): \$365	\$3.65
Small Hatchback: \$750	\$7.50
Medium Car: \$950	\$9.50
Big Car (V6): \$1150	\$11.50
Diesel Engine: \$1050	\$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

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Important Upcoming Dates

1 November	Tabloids Y1 & 2
1 November	Gumboot Friday
5 November	HPV/ Boostrix vaccinations, 2nd dose - Yr 7 & 8's
7 November	School Athletics
13-15 November	Senior Camp - Totara Springs
15 November	Teacher Only Day
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

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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.

MUSIQ HUB
PLAY SMART



For information on guitar, ukulele, piano and drum lessons, contact **Ruth and Michael Germon**
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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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