

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Te Uku

With the end of week 5 today we are officially half-way through the first term of 2021. Despite having a bumpy start with two Level 2 lockdowns, we have taken these in our stride and teaching and learning has continued as normal at Te Uku School. Thanks to our fabulous parent/caregivers who have also adapted to these changes with calmness and ease – this does make a difference. There are two important reminders below regarding ‘communication and lateness’, that I request your continued support with also.

The swimming pool is well and truly back in action as you have no doubt heard. The 2 Focus swim coaches have been working with all our students this week to build confidence and skills in the water. Our teachers will continue to follow on from these programmes for as many weeks as the weather (temperature) allows us this term.

As shared previously, the skatepark is completed. We are just waiting on the grass to grow to complete the landscaped elements, then we will be all go! Keep your eye out on our Facebook page for the grand opening 😊

Pip Mears – Principal

Communication

Now more than ever it is vital that we maintain effective communication between home and school. It is always necessary to be able to get hold of all parents/caregivers in the case of an emergency involving your child/ren or if they become unwell. We can only do this if we have the correct contact information on file. Please ensure this is the case by checking in with Kellie at the office, particularly if you have recently moved house or changed phone numbers.

During these times of Covid and everchanging alert levels, it is also vital that we can communicate quickly with all our families. For these such alerts and other whole school emergencies, our first messages will always be shared via our school Facebook page – we also share newsletters and other interesting snippets via this means. If you do not already follow us on Facebook, I strongly encourage you to do so (even if we are the only page you follow), so you can remain up to date with the latest happenings. Thanks to those people who regularly ‘like’ the messages we post, this is helpful in letting us know who we have reached.



Lateness

We are currently having an unprecedented number of students arriving late to school. The start of the day is an important time in each of our learning spaces. Vital administration tasks and relevant information for the day are shared during this time. Students who arrive late miss this set up and disrupt the attention of others when they walk in partway through. This is not an ideal start to the day for them either, as it puts young learners on the back foot from the get go.

All students need to arrive at school by 8:50am at the latest.

This gives them time to put their bags away, complete their morning routines, connect with their teachers and be ready to start the day successfully when the bell rings at 9:00am. Parent/caregivers - I urge you to support your child/ren with this important life skill by assisting them to be at school on time.

Immunisations

We have been advised that many of the Public Health Nurses, who usually work on the school immunisation programmes, have been redeployed to work on aspects of the health systems associated with Covid. At this stage we believe the Y8 HPV immunisations scheduled for 16 March are still going ahead, but we are yet to be advised of a date for the Y7 Boostrix immunisations. We will let you know when we know more.

Board Talk

The Board of Trustees met for the first time this year on 25 Feb, I was voted in as the Chair and am looking forward to the year ahead in this role.

A big welcome to our two new board members Abbie Neems and Catherine Lynagh, we're very pleased to have you onboard.

During our meeting we reviewed and approved some key school documents:

- The Te Uku School Charter 2021 which outlines the strategic plan for the school for 2021 – 2023. This document outlines what the school aims to achieve, and the steps required to get there. Pip and her team have done a great job preparing the charter. It will be on the school's website in the near future, check it out when you get a chance.
- We looked at the Analysis of Variance for 2020, which assesses learning achievement of our students in reading, writing and maths. This is a key document that provides a picture of how students are doing and that informs priorities for the teaching staff. A thorough analysis has been undertaken with useful findings.
- The 2021 Budget was also reviewed and approved.

We discussed a number of other items including school security, the school pool, the wastewater treatment plant consent renewal, and the Middle Discovery camp planned for May of this year.

Have a great weekend everyone.

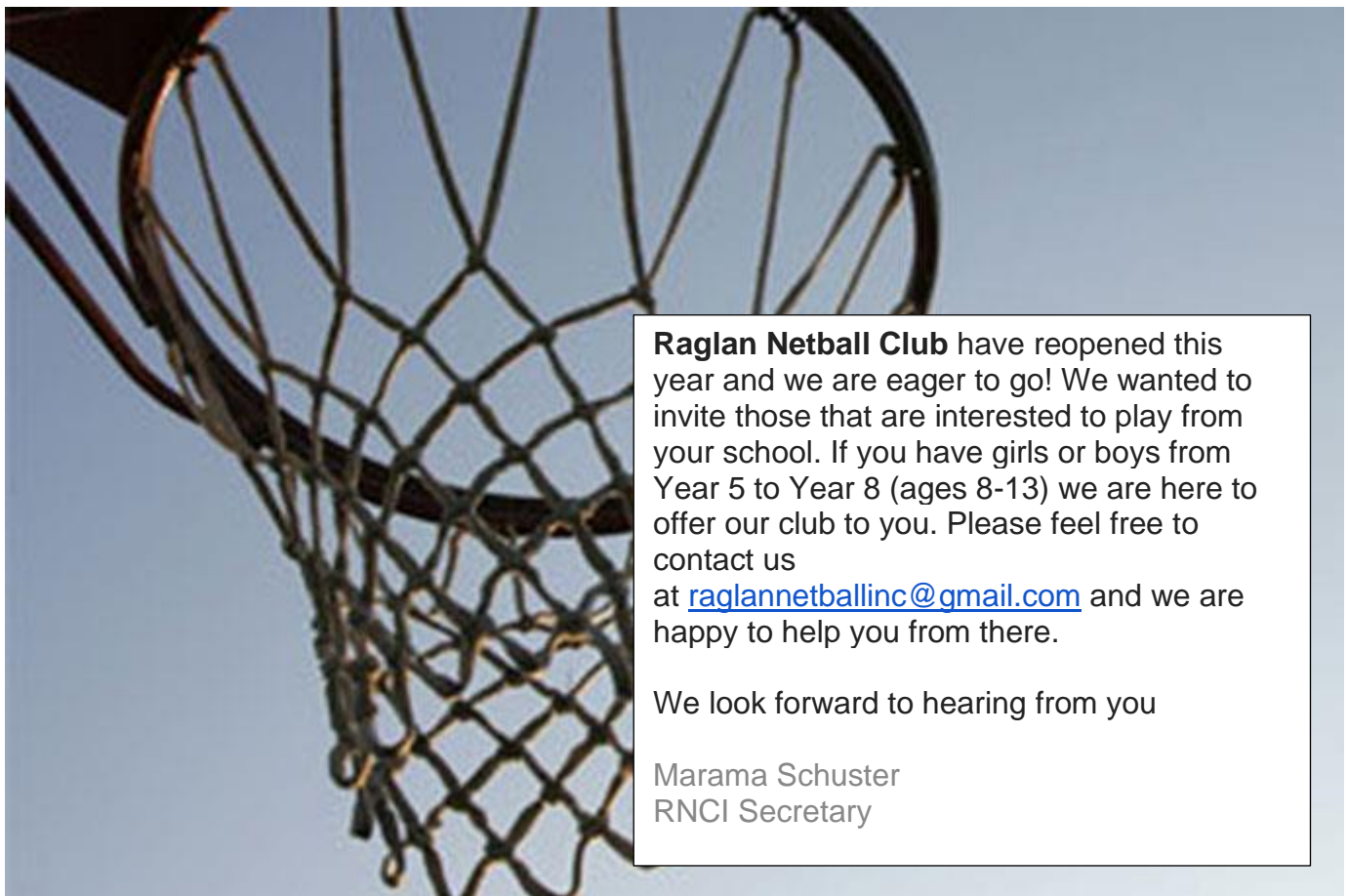
Megan Wood – Chairperson (on behalf of the Board of Trustees).

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 video. 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 10th March until Wednesday 14th April, finishing just before April school Holidays. Start time is 3.15pm with the team onsite from 2.45pm and finishing at 4.15pm when parents may collect their children. It is to be run at the Surfside Church facility at Te Uku. Parents are invited to give a Koha towards the cost of running the programme and the craft their children will bring home when they drop off or pick their children up.

Children will be supervised walking across the paddock from the school when school finishes. They will be collected at the school at approx. 2.55pm. Only those children who have registered with the school office or Surfside Church will be brought across, so the school knows who are not going on buses that day. There will be a van available to drop children to homes in Raglan after the programme. Please register with us if you require this service. Also, if your child requires a booster seat please make one available. If need be you can co-ordinate getting these to us by contacting us using the numbers below.

Any enquiries to the FLIPT Coordinator, Janet Peart on email janet.peart@surfside.co.nz or txt 021 1040245 or Surfside Church office on 8255199 or email info@surfside.co.nz.



Raglan Netball Club have reopened this year and we are eager to go! We wanted to invite those that are interested to play from your school. If you have girls or boys from Year 5 to Year 8 (ages 8-13) we are here to offer our club to you. Please feel free to contact us at raglannetballinc@gmail.com and we are happy to help you from there.

We look forward to hearing from you

Marama Schuster
RNCI Secretary



Raglan Swimming Club

Bridge to Bridge Harbour Swim

Saturday, 27th March 2021

Papahua Domain
Marine Parade
Raglan

REGISTRATIONS OPEN: 8.00am
Race Briefing: 9.10am
Event start: 9.40am

U13 200/300m \$5
14-17yrs 500/1km/2km \$15
OPEN 500/1km/2km \$25
Flipper Dressup 500m - FREE

More info: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/raglanswimclub>
or Email: raglanswimclub@gmail.com

Committed to encouraging our community to be safe in the water, to live and feel healthy through water-based activities.

Upcoming Events 2021

Term 1

March

- 16 Year 8 HPV Immunisations
- 18 Swimming Sports (8 years and up)
- 24 Board of Trustee Meeting 5.30pm
- 25 Whole School Assembly 9.15am

April

- 1 Softball Cluster Competition – Years 5-8
- 2 Good Friday – school closed
- 5 Easter Monday – school closed
- 6 Easter holiday for schools – school closed
- 8 Whole School Assembly 9.15am
- 9 Middle Discovery Trip – Waikato Show
- 16 Last day of Term 1

Term 2

May

- 4 School Photos

REMINDERS

SCHOOL BUS

- When students use the bus service their accounts must be kept in credit.
- For electronic banking; -

Te Uku School

03-1558-0009543-000

Ref: Student Name

LUNCHES

- Sushi orders **MUST** be paid for online:

Aroha Sushi

03 1566 0093730 000

Ref: Student Name

- Please let the school office know what sushi your child has ordered

ABSENTEES

- All absences are to be confirmed as soon as possible.
- Please call the school and press 1 to leave an absentee message. Or email the school office.
- Students must present a medical certificate after 3 days of consecutive absent

OTHER

- Hats must be brought to school and worn throughout Term 1

If you have any queries, please contact the school office – office@teuku.school.nz

