



Te Rapa Primary School

An effective, quality full primary school (NE – Yr 8)

Principal

Mr Vaughan Franklin

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Mrs Christine Troon

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Head of Junior School

Mrs Jane Franklin

Head of Senior School

Mrs Paula Brinsden

BOT Chairperson

Mr Shaun Hoskin

Newsletter

Thursday 12th November 2020

School Student Roll : 578

Currently Operating Under COVID Alert Level 1 Protocols.....

WHAT'S HOT

Future "Student Leaders" being assessed for 2021
Incentive Awards - 2020 Winners Recognised
Summer Swimming Programmes Starting Soon

WHAT'S NOT

Our fantastic Year 8s Leaving and moving to new High Schools
Amnesty - Please return anything belonging to Te Rapa Primary School
Unpaid Accounts - Yet to be settled please.

Future Leaders at Te Rapa Primary School 2021

REMINDER All students are to plan for opportunities in 2021 to **lead from the front**, and **set a positive example for others** to follow. We make no apologies for placing high expectations on our Te Rapa students across all levels of our school and in particular those who have aspirations to be a **"future leader"**. Even those who are not ready for leadership yet are still capable of big things.

SELECTIONS Leadership Applications Forms for 2021 ... *Will go home with every Yr 7 Student very soon.*

Our future leaders are still on show as staff assess / evaluate each child's contribution / service this year. We have looked at how they have self promoted themselves through their positive attitude and their excellent behaviour. This will determine their potential to lead others going forward. Please continue to remind the "Future Leaders" in your household that they have these last weeks to show us that they are ready to step up for 'leadership roles' in 2021. Every Year 7 will be given a **2021 Student Leadership Application Form** to complete.

Student Leadership : A Student's Voice What does "student leadership" at Te Rapa Primary School look like to me ?

I have loved being a leader at Te Rapa because it has helped me to become the person I am now. Student Council is just one of the many leadership opportunities that Te Rapa offers, and I'm so grateful and proud to be a part of this group of student leaders at our school. My idea of leadership is being able to inspire, motivate and lead by example. To me the most important trait of a leader is the ability to show Te Rapa **HEART**. The staff and students at Te Rapa have shown me that being **Honest**, showing **Excellence** and **Aroha** to your peers, being **Respectful** and being a **Team** player has helped me. Building positive relationships and learning to work together are the most important things that we all should display.

By **Grace Yr 8 R.17 Student Council**

Leadership to me means looking after other people and taking charge. Also leadership is not following others into bad situations, but leading people into good situations. If you lead yourself well, and set a good example then people can follow you even if it's picking up a little bit of rubbish. Leadership isn't always leading from the front, because you can lead from anywhere. Te Rapa Primary has helped me a lot to grow as a leader, and this environment is really good for learning how to lead yourself, and others too. We have really good values to follow, and I have learnt so many things this year. Being a leader means you can still be silly and have fun, but you must know when it is not okay or if things are going too far.

By **Aston Yr 8 R.21 Student Council**

Reporting to Parents on Student Achievement 2020**End of Year Reports**

Final *End of Year Reports* will be published at 3pm Thursday 17th Dec. and will be sent home with students that afternoon. Students not in attendance will have their reports posted to the **"primary caregiver"** at the student's usual home address, which is recorded on our school administration database which lists each child's parent contact details.

Full School Assembly : Tomorrow Fri 13th Nov. 9.15am

Class Placements for 2021

Teachers are involved in the placement of their students for next year. Decisions are made about each student and we carefully consider who would work best with which available teacher, and which of their peers a student should not be placed with. Senior leadership personnel are also actively involved linking a student's learning style(s) with a teacher's strengths and teaching style(s). A student's learning needs are very important and especially so for key students who might need on-going learning support / guidance or extension. A child's wider interests are also considered when looking at particular teachers. We also carefully consider 'group' dynamics and how groups of students might mould together over 4 x school Terms. As experienced educators we use our professional judgement to place students where we strongly believe they will achieve their best, and will work to their potential.

Note - Students are not placed according to parent requests, or to satisfy a child's social preference (with friends).

In many cases we endeavour to reduce potential social distractions so "learning & teaching" times are utilised to best effect. I can assure parents and carers that we take the role of placing students very seriously when setting them up for success for their new school year.

TE RAPA PRIMARY SCHOOL**2021 Enrolments & 2022 & 2023**

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Please see school office staff now to register your pre-schoolers on our pre-enrolment database. This must include children yet to start school, who are likely to start in the new year, or in 2022 or 2023 (future).

Students – Not Planning to Return for 2021

We must know of students not returning next year. Please inform office staff on Ph. 8492232 or email admin@terapa.school.nz

Principal's Incentive Awards

Acknowledging Hard Working Te Rapa Primary School Students

At our Full School Assembly tomorrow we will announce another large number of Te Rapa students who have (a) secured 6 x "Incentive Award" coupons during 2020, (b) have received a **Principal's Award Certificate** from me, (c) may have had their photo published in our school newsletter and (d) will have had their name drawn to win a prize in the lucky draw.

It is a fun part of my job as Principal, and I enjoy the opportunity to personally recognise and acknowledge students who have strived to be the best they can within our "Incentive Awards" programme (est. 2000) over the past 12 – 24 months. Te Rapa students who consistently "**strive for excellence**" in a variety of key areas eg. academic achievement, behaviour and attitude, service etc. are rewarded with an incentive coupon, and once they get x 6 they get to come and visit with the Principal. They present me with their coupons. I enjoy these meetings with lots and lots of students every day who pop-in for a visit, and a chat. I get to know them personally, and I enjoy chatting about their interests and how they are doing in their classrooms with their studies.

Sharing a "quality" Te Rapa "Thank You"

If your child is a lucky draw winner tomorrow they will be coming home with a gift / prize, and they must move quickly to communicate a "**quality**" Te Rapa "**thank you**" to their sponsor too. Their sponsor will be identified with their gift, and every child must contact their sponsor to show appreciation. Parents and carers are asked to help me with this request, because if we do not say "thanks" the sponsorship will dry up and future children may miss out.

A Small 'Sponsorship' item for our Students from local businesses would be welcomed

PLEASE ASSIST

Parents, carers and friends of our school are asked to consider approaching business leaders at your place of work on behalf of our school to request their support of our student **Incentive Programme**. The items I hope a sponsor might consider donating should not necessarily cost their business directly. These items could be **outdated promotional products** (left over from the Waikato Home Show ?) or **similar**. Anything would be appreciated. Please include the sponsor's business card (so a "thank you" can be arranged).

A small sponsorship commitment from a business might include

. items of office stationery identifying the business (or that of a sub-contract business)

eg. pens, pencils, felt pens, highlighters, rulers, pads, tape, posters, stickers etc.

. items of business apparel (or associated businesses)

eg. caps, hats, t-shirts, polos, jackets, sweatshirts, towels etc.

. other items identifying the business (or associated businesses)

eg. bags, calculators, watches, umbrellas, sports gear, vouchers, calendars, drink bottles etc.

. and / or any other items no longer of value to you, but might interest a student (5 - 13 years old).

Promotional Items from
2019 or 2020 (or before that)
would be welcomed.....

Please Note

*We are very grateful for
any level of support.*

Compulsory Swimming Programmes

... will be commencing very soon.

NZ children must learn to be safe around water, and this includes learning how to swim. Students are to have their togs at school each day once their class / syndicate swimming programme commences. Parents / carers are asked to ensure your child(ren) is here ready to swim please. If they cannot swim on that day due to poor health they will need a *note to the teacher* from you please.

Public Swimming Available - in Our Neighbourhood

USE IT or LOSE IT

Pool Opening to the Public

Our Aquatic Centre will again open to the public every weekend and each day over the summer holidays. Please come down for a swim, and bring along family and friends. The school's astro turf tennis / basketball courts will also be open to the public during the school holidays with access through the Aquatic Centre entry gates. Pool Managers are **Mr & Mrs Gudgeon**. Please pop down to introduce yourselves, and to find out a little bit more about what's planned for our community pool this summer. Keep an eye on updates on the Te Rapa Pool Facebook page.

Unpaid Accounts 2020

It is really important that these are settled please. If you have not popped-in to speak with administration staff, then please do so. This includes the Technicraft fees (Yr 7 & 8 pupils), all summer / winter sports subs, EOTC Camp fees for Yr 4, Yr 5 & 6 and Yr 7 & 8 or similar. Thank you.

Amnesty – Please return Te Rapa Stuff to our School

NO Questions Asked Please just return Te Rapa items

Dear Parents and Carers ... and Friends of Our School

If you are a parent volunteer eg. sports coach / manager or a member of a school group eg. PTA, or perhaps you attended a special event eg. Sports Camp, you may have been issued with a "loan" jacket, t-shirt or similar. We now need them back please.

Dear Te Rapa Students and Te Rapa Families

If you are going through your drawers / wardrobes, cleaning under beds or the garage, or changing house or similar this summer and you come across any gear / items labelled "**TE RAPA SCHOOL**" it belongs to our school and we are desperate to have it back please.

Dear Ex. Students and Ex. Te Rapa Families

If you are an ex. Te Rapa student and your family have located gear belonging to our school eg. Touch Singlets, or Sports Hoodies or similar we would love to have these back. This also includes sports playing equipment or library books, maths resources or anything else you find.

Please help us get these Te Rapa Primary items back into circulation so all 2021 students, staff and helpers can use the gear too.

Last Day for 2020Friday 18th December

Early Finish 12 noon

**NOTE - (1) Please let your "after-school care" co-ordinators know of the early 12noon finish
(2) Canteen will not open on this day**

Thank you for your continued support of Te Rapa Primary Waikato Top School 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 & 2019
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V W Franklin (Principal) and Staff

Te Rapa School

Book Fair and Book Day

16th - 19th November



Scholastic Book Fair

- All proceeds from the Scholastic Book Fair go towards new books for our library.
- The book fair is held in our library and is open Monday through to Thursday from 8.30am to 4.00pm.
- Purchases can be made by cash, cheque or eftpos.
- All students will have an opportunity to visit the book fair in class time and fill in a wish list to bring home.
- Fun activities in the library all week.
- Everyone is welcome - parents, caregivers, grandparents and friends of our school.
- Great for Christmas shopping.

Book Day - Thursday 19th November

- 'Dress up Day' - dress up as your favourite book character and take part in our parade at 10.15am.
- Visitors are welcome to visit the book fair, student free, between 9.00am and 10.00am. Please note the book fair will be closed during the parade.
- Fun activities all day when we celebrate and focus on books.



Thank you for your support of our annual Book Fair and Book Day.

SPORTS RESULTS

Result Player of the Day

Waterpolo

Te Rapa Turbos v Cambridge Middle School	Win	Kiana
Te Rapa Turbos vs Rototuna Junior High	Loss	Tomas
Te Rapa Turbos vs Cambridge Middle School	Win 7-3	Kiana
Te Rapa Turbos vs Rototuna Junior High	Loss 67	Tomas
Te Rapa Turbos vs Rotokauri	Win 12-2	Alex
Te Rapa Turbos vs Berkley	Win 19-3	Kayleigh

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!!

Please give any cups or trophies won at last year's prize giving a clean up, and return to the school office as soon as possible in readiness for our 2020 prize giving.



Year 7 & 8 Motutapu Island Camp 19-23 October 2020

We were excited to be heading to Motutapu Island for a camp we would never forget.

Before heading away we all had to ensure that we had Cleaned – Checked—Sealed our belongings as we were required to pass a biosecurity check before catching the ferry to the protected island.

Once we got to the island the fun began;

Sailing, Fishing, Snorkeling, Kayaking, Abseiling, WWII ammunition tunnels, High Ropes, Raft Building, Confidence Course, Survivor Challenge and our final challenge; The Motutapu Challenge.

The camp would not have been possible without the fantastic support and enthusiasm from our team of parents .



Thank you!

NZ Playhouse



NZ Playhouse is going Antarctic!

The ice is melting, the icebergs are cracking up, and Nataliya finds herself in the thick of it. Encountering local wildlife along the way, the team must work together to brave the elements and fulfil their mission: saving the world from climate change.

But chances are... they might learn something about Antarc-

On Friday the 30th of October the team from NZ Playhouse performed CHILLED for our students. This show was hilariously funny and the messages were perfect. Our students were able to appreciate the work and effort that goes into performing such a show and also took away a whole lot about Antarctica, animal life on the ice and other key mes-

Tunnel Fun

Every second year the Year 3/4 syndicate students get to put their handprints on the play tunnels.

The children love playing in/on the tunnels and hav-



LABEL READING

SERVING SIZE

Serving sizes vary. Be sure to look at the 100g column so you can compare products equally. Our label reading guideline applies to cereal, muesli bars and crackers.

NUTRITION INFORMATION (Average)		
	Per Serve	Per 100g
Energy (kJ)	441	1470
Protein (g)	105	352
Fat, Total (g)	3.6	12.0
Carbohydrate, Total (g)	<1.0	1.4
Sugars (g)	0.1	0.3
Fibre (g)	20.0	67.0
Sodium (mg)	0.8	2.8
Potassium (mg)	3.2	10.5
Iron (mg)	85	285



LABEL READING

BE AN EXPERT!

Food labels can be misleading. Examples are "Reduced Fat", "High in Fibre" or "Less Sugar". It's best to check for yourself by reading the label.

NUTRITION INFORMATION (Average)		
Serving Size: 30g (2 Biscuits)		
Servings per package: 1		
Energy (kJ)	Per Serve	Per 100g
(Cal)	441	1470
Protein (g)	105	352
Fat, Total (g)	3.6	12.0
Carbohydrate, Total (g)	<1.0	1.4
Sugars (g)	0.1	0.3
Fibre (g)	20.0	67.0
Sodium (mg)	0.8	2.8
Potassium (mg)	3.2	10.5
Iron (mg)	85	285
Thiamin (Vit B1) (mg)	0.55 (50%)*	1.83
Riboflavin (Vit B2) (mg)	0.42 (24%)*	1.4
Niacin (Vit B3) (mg)	2.5 (25%)*	8.3
Folate (µg)**	100 (50%)*	333
Iron (mg)	3.0 (25%)*	10.0

* Percentage of Recommended Dietary Intake (RDI).
** 1 serve provides 25% of the folate RDI for women of childbearing age.





Primary and Intermediate Schools School Terms and Holidays 2021

<i>Term 1: Commences</i>	<i>Tuesday 9th February</i>	
<i>Ends</i>	<i>Friday 16th April</i>	<i>(92 half days)</i>
<i>Term 2: Commences</i>	<i>Monday 3rd May</i>	
<i>Ends</i>	<i>Friday 9th July</i>	<i>(98 half days)</i>
<i>Term 3: Commences</i>	<i>Monday 26th July</i>	
<i>Ends</i>	<i>Friday 1st October</i>	<i>(100 half days)</i>
<i>Term 4: Commences</i>	<i>Monday 18th October</i>	
<i>Ends</i>	<i>Friday 17th December</i>	<i>(90 half days)</i>

*(or to a day in December which ensures that the school has been
open for instruction for 380 half days in 2021).*

*Schools will be closed in 2021 on Saturdays and Sundays and on the
following holidays:*

<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>2nd April</i>
<i>Easter Monday</i>	<i>5th April</i>
<i>Easter Tuesday</i>	<i>6th April</i>
<i>Anzac Day</i>	<i>25th April - Sunday (Occurs in holidays)</i>
<i>Queen's B-day</i>	<i>7th June - Monday</i>
<i>Labour Day</i>	<i>25th October - Monday</i>





JOIN THE TE RAPA PRIMARY SCHOOL GROUP FOR THE WEETBIX TRYATHLON 2021!

When: Sunday, 21st February 2021

Where: Waikato University Fields

Te Rapa School will again be entering a school group into next year's Weetbix Tryathlon. Entry is open to all 6-15 year old's (based on your age on event day).

This is an iconic kiwi sporting event that gives kids a realistic goal to train for and the satisfaction of completing the course, receiving a medal and not to mention their Weetbix T-Shirts. We have seen the benefit and the confidence students have gained from taking part. **It is also a great training opportunity for the year 5/6 school and inter-school triathlon!**

Children can enter as individual contestants or in junior or senior teams (it is up to students to find their own team members).

There is no timing for the event and it really is all about "GIVING IT A TRY".

The distances of each leg per age group are as follows (based on age on event day):

INDIVIDUAL	Age Group	Swim	Cycle	Run
	6 Years	50m	-	1.5km
	7 Years	50m	4km	1.5km
	8-10 Years	100m	4km	1.5km
	11-15 Years	150m	8km	1.5km

TEAMS	Age Group	Swim	Cycle	Run
	Junior Team of Two (7 Years)	50m	4km	1.5km
	Junior Team of Two (8-10 Years)	100m	4km	1.5km
	Senior Team of Two (11-15 Years)	150m	8km	1.5km

All students who enter as part of our school group will be eligible for the special "School Group Entry Price" of \$45.00 pp. Early bird registrations close on 31 January 2021.

While Te Rapa School enters as a group, we ask that all parents register their children and pay Weetbix Tryathlon directly as this eliminates the need for the school to get involved in the financial side of things. Parents will need to provide transport and accompany their children to the event.

STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO ENTER AS PART OF THE TE RAPA SCHOOL GROUP

- Go to the Weetbix Tryathlon website: <https://tryathlon.co.nz/>
- Click on the "ENTER NOW" button • Select the Hamilton 21st Feb 2021 option
- Select "Continue" at the bottom of the page
- Select "Register an individual or team Participant"
- The next box will ask you: "Your school may have created a School Group. Would you like to join your SCHOOL GROUP?" select "YES – JOIN MY SCHOOL GROUP". Then continue. Please ensure you complete this section, otherwise your child will not be linked to our school!
- In the next section "School Group Name" please type Te Rapa Primary into the search box. The search results will show Te Rapa Primary School, please select "JOIN". A confirmation box of the school you are joining will appear, please select "JOIN" again.
- On the personal info page, add your own details to the Parent/Guardian section and your child's details to their section.
- Continue answering the medical questions, emergency contact details and other questions.
- Agree to the safety rules and click continues.
- If you have finished registering your child click continue and complete the payment details

Once registered I will be able to see your registration on my School Group List. It is really helpful if you also send me an email confirming you have entered your child rachel@stakeout.co.nz.

Club Energize will be hosting a tryathlon training programme at the Waikato University and at Te Rapa Primary School. This is very helpful, especially for children who have not completed a tryathlon before.

Dates are to be confirmed.

Any questions or concerns about the event please email or call Rachel Chapman.

Email: rachel@stakeout.co.nz Ph: 0212328780.

Rachel Chapman

Te Rapa Primary School Group Co-ordinator

Community Notices

Ko Te Kura Tuarua o
Taniwharau teenei
This is Fraser

Nau mai haere mai ki
too maatou whaanau
Welcome to our family

Year 8 Fraser Days

We invite your child to spend the day with us:
Meet at the Gym, 9.00 am for Poowhiri
Finish time approx 2.45 pm

Workshops and activities to learn about Fraser
Lunch and morning tea provided

Maeroa Intermediate
Friday 20 November

Schools other than Maeroa
Thursday 19 November

To enrol for 2021, please apply using the Fraser website.



Cantando Choir - We are having a
CELEBRATION! Come and join us
- With Organist John Wells. Con-
ducted by Kolitha Jayatunge @ St
Peter's Cathedral, 5th December
2020, 4pm. Tickets from cantan-
do.org.nz or please phone 021
1393 796.

Community music school Open Day Saturday 28 November 9-11:30am - TT building entrance,
Gate 4, Hillcrest Road (University of Waikato campus) - Come along and see what the Waikato
Community School of Music offers. All classrooms will be open to observers during these times.
All ages welcome, from pre-school to retirement. Over 12 different instruments taught, plus six
ensemble options. Music Makers programme from age 3, children's choir. Contact us via our
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