

Newsletter 07 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 24 May 2018

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou

Playground Developments

Last Friday our MP Poto Williams and local City Counsellor David East officially opened the latest stage of our ongoing grounds development. The amphitheatre area has been named Papa Whakaari, which means outdoor performing space. We love seeing our children already using the space for singing, dancing, gymnastics, mindfulness and just sitting and talking. There are a number of people we need to acknowledge: The Board of Trustees for providing funding of \$200,000 for this project; Tim Scott from Kamo Marsh Landscape Designers for his visionary design work and commitment to detail; The Christchurch City Council for allowing us to recycle the timber from the old boardwalk at the South New Brighton Domain; Evergreen Landscapers for once again delivering a top quality result. In case you can't remember what it used to look like.....

Before.....



After.....



Playground Tokens

One of the most controversial aspects of self-esteem is the use of rewards in schools. External rewards might be enjoyed by some children, but research shows that they do not always promote a learning culture (Lepper and Hodell, 1989). We've been listening to what our children thought of our system of giving raffle tickets for doing the right thing in the playground, and then drawing out a few names at assembly and rewarding those children with a book. We know that the majority of children are doing the right thing in the playground, but only a small number were being acknowledged.

So, we've made some changes in response to student voice and to encourage collaboration.

Children will be recognised for using their RISE values in the playground by being given a Rāwhiti token. Children have told us what sorts of reward activities would motivate them – and we have started with the three most popular: a free sausage sizzle, a free mufti day where the teachers have to wear school uniform, or a play at Thompson Park. When children get a token they can use it to vote for the reward of their choice. You may have seen the new voting boxes in the library? It's looking like the idea of a free mufti day is proving to be popular. As soon as a container is full – that reward has been won, and the options will change, using other ideas that the children have put forward.

These voting boxes have been made for us, as have the tokens – which all have the Rāwhiti School logo embossed on them. As some children have already discovered, you can't use the Connect 4 counters – they just don't fit! If your child brings a token home to show you what they have been given, please do remind them to bring it back in to school and use it to vote.



Feedback from whanau hui

At our Term 1 hui for Maori whanau we asked a group of students and whānau to give us some suggestions and feedback about their experiences of Reading at school. We looked closely at the books in our school Library that have a Māori perspective or were available in te reo and asked for suggestions as to what sorts of books they felt we are missing in our Library. As a result of that conversation we now have a range of pukupuku hau (new books) that are currently on display in the library and will soon be available for issuing.

Mufti Day for the Cancer Society Scooter Safari – Friday 25th May

A reminder that we will be having a mufti day tomorrow, with all proceeds going to support the Cancer Society. Children are asked to bring a gold coin donation for mufti day to help #makeitamillion.

Advanced Notice – School Closing Early

The union representing primary school teachers, the NZEI, has called a further meeting for its members in relation to the current round of contract negotiations. On **Tuesday June 26th** all teachers are to attend a meeting at the Horncastle Arena in the afternoon. We would appreciate the support of our community by making arrangements for your child to be collected from school at 12.15pm. If you are unable to make an alternative arrangement then you must notify the school office admin@rawhiti.school.nz. Thank you.

Our Learning Support Coordinator, Lauren McDonnell, is currently on bereavement leave following the death of her mother last week. I know you will join with us in sending our best wishes to her. While Lauren is away, you can contact your team leader with any matters relating to special needs and learning support.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Liz Weir

What's Coming Up - He aha kei tua

May

- 25 Mufti Day for Cancer Society – Gold Coin
Year 1-3 Assembly 9.00am
Year 4-6 Assembly 11.00am
Ballot for Out of Zone places in Term 3
- 28th Samoan Language Week
- 29th Icy Slicy Orders Due back
Taumafaga – dinner to celebrate Samoan Language Week
- 30th Scholastic Book Club Orders Due
PTA Sausage Sizzle
Rongo-mā-tāne Information Evening.

June

- 1st Whole School Assembly 9.15
Parents Pop-In session after assembly
Year 5 – 8 Winter Sport begins
Icy Slicey Day
- 4th Queens Birthday – School Closed
- 6th Papatuanuku Whanau Hui



Principals Awards - Ngā tāonga a te Tumauaki

- Rongo Ma Tane: Jasper, Stella, Braxton, Emma, Paige, Archer x 2, Zara W, Evie, Maia, Jahzeal, Hunter R, Ben P, Teri, Rocky, Natalie, Maeve, Riley H, Hugo, Millah, Harley, Anika M, Benji, James
- Haumia Tike Tike: Harlem

School Notices – Ngā pānui a te kura

Success@Rawhiti

You are welcome to email us at success@rawhiti.school.nz with news of something your child has achieved outside of school, and we will celebrate this with our whole community by including it in our fortnightly newsletter.



On the 3rd May, Tane was presented with a E tu Whanau award by Tahu FM for the work he does speaking out against family violence under the kaupapa Tupono te mana kaha o te whanau.

We as a whanau are very proud of Tane and Teakaraupo's choices in life and wanted to share with you this achievement. Tane and Teakaraupo we are also very proud of you.

Samoan Language Week Taumafaga

E valaau atu ma le faaaloalo ia outou ma le aiga. Maliu mai i le taumafataga ma le faatauaina o le Vaiaso o Gagana Samoa i la matou vasega Pasifika. E fai i le Aso Lua le 29th May.

Amata i le 5:30 i le afiafi i totonu o le potu faitau. Faamolemole faafesootai mai le Faiaoga Anna-Belle i le telefoni numeru 0273835634. Soifua!

With respect we invite students from our Pasifika group and their family to a meal and celebration of Samoan language week by our Pasifika group. Please bring a plate of your favourite Samoan food to share if you can! Where: Tuesday 29th May in the library/staffroom. Time: 5:30pm. Please respond by contacting the teacher Anna-Belle on 0273835634 if you can come! Hope to see you there!

Accounts

We appreciate your support in paying for your child's activities.

PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE A NEW BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER 12 -3240- 0211804 - 01.

Year 5 - 6 Camp - Hanmer Springs June 2018

You will have received a newsletter home about the Year 5-6 Camp at Hanmer Springs in June. The cost is \$150.00. **Full payment will be required by Friday 15th June.** For budgeting purposes you may wish to start making regular weekly or fortnightly payments. If you choose this option please put your child/ren's as a reference. If you have any concerns regarding payment please contact Cheryl as soon as possible.

Winter Sport

Winter Sport for Year 5 - 8 starts on Friday 1st June. If your child has opted to play Winter Sport the cost of \$40.00 has been added to their account. Payment is due as soon as possible. Thank you.

PTA News 2018

Quiz Night - Saturday June 30th

We have two events this year that we're organising. The first is an adults' only 'Quiz Night PLUS' in the school hall on Saturday 30 June at 7.30pm. There will be a cash bar on hand and supper will be provided. This is going to be a great night, with not your usual boring or brainy quiz questions but also musical bingo and other fun and games. Do put this in your diary and start getting your team together now. Tickets will be \$10 per person with teams of up to 6 players. Prizes awarded for many things including (for those who dare) 'Best Themed Team Costumes'! If you want to secure your team now please text Steph on 021-136-5391 or email pta@rawhiti.school.nz

School Fair - Friday November 30th

As you may have heard the school is going to be holding its first ever Twilight Fair on Friday November 30 just in time for Christmas! This will be a good old-fashioned school fair with many, many games and activities and things to buy. All the Studios are going to be working hard near the end of the year preparing things for the Fair and the PTA will be busy too, organising hot food to sell. Have you got some good ideas for the Fair or some yummy recipes? Do let us know by texting Bex on 022-099-2711 or email pta@rawhiti.school.nz.

We will be needing lots and lots of prizes, especially for the Fair. If you can put us in touch with any business who might be able to support us with either goods, services, vouchers or even just a small donation we would be very happy to hear from you. We have a Facebook page for our events which is facebook.com/RawhitiPTAEvents/ or you can email pta@rawhiti.school.nz.

Missing

Green and Silver MPG Scooter. Please return to the school office. Thank you

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Order your Icy Slicey

ICY Slicey Day: Friday 1 June

Order a YUMMY ice cream slice.

Get your money and order to the office by Tuesday 29 May.

Name: _____

Studio: _____

How many Icy Sliceys: _____ **\$1.50 each**