

From the Principal Kia ora koutou Rāwhiti School Newsletter 14: Aug 6th 2015

This week we welcome two new Teacher Aides to our Support Staff team – Debbie O'Hara and Lizzie Peoples. We now have 13 amazing Teacher Aides supporting learning and behaviour across both bases, a great investment in our children's learning.

#### Rāwhiti School Travel Plan

In October last year we started working with the Christchurch City Council traffic engineers on a proposal that includes parking and crossing facilities outside our home base in Leaver Terrace. The BOT made a submission to the Community Board and we have been assured that both they and the CCC are committed to advocating for this to be included in the 2015-2025 LTP.

We are now working on the development of a School Travel Plan for Rāwhiti. School Travel Plans aim to support and encourage children to safely walk, bike, scooter or bus with their parents, caregivers or friends to and from school where possible. The plans include consideration of local road safety issues which may be affecting choices on how children travel to and from school.

Next week we will be emailing you the link to a short survey to gather data on how children will be travelling to and from our new site in 2016. Please do take the time to fill it in. Note that the Ministry of Education funded buses, currently providing daily transportation between bases, will not operate in 2016 – so now is a good time to start thinking about how your children will get to school.

We would also like to hear from any parents interested in being part of a working group with the Council Community Education Coordinator. Please let Jan in the office know if this is something you would be prepared to spend some time on to assist the school.

We are always open to hearing from school families regarding travel issues, especially ways to improve our children's wellbeing and safety.

#### **Learning Conversations**

Learning Conversations got underway this week, and to date we have bookings for 70% of our children, which is a fantastic result. We'd love to get a full turn out though –and you can still make bookings for next week by going to <u>www.schoolinterviews.co.nz</u> and using the event code **MB5WQ**. If you do not have computer access please contact the school office and they will assist you in making a booking.

#### Year 7 & 8 Programmes

Thank you to those who attended the evening for Year 6 parents earlier in the term. It was wonderful to see our senior students confidently sharing their learning programmes and passions. If you missed this meeting and would like information about what we offer our Year 7/8 students please don't hesitate to make an appointment to come and meet with us. We will shortly be asking parents of Year 6 children for confirmation of their intentions for 2016, to help us plan our staffing effectively. Tomorrow our Year 6 students will attend a morning session at Te Waka Unua Technology Centre, which is where our senior students go for a half day each week for specialist technology instruction. It's guaranteed to be a fun morning.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa Liz Weir



These children have shared fantastic work with Liz, Paul or Helen this week.

Room Q11: Amy, Brooke, Toby Room Q2: Riley, James, Liam, Maea, Ruby, Toby, Lisa Room Q9: Logan, Callum, Melody, Jack, Cullen Room Q10: Liam, Adam, Jessica, Shayden Room B2: Mosiana, Lewis Room Q5/6: Jed, Sid, Sammy, Xzavyer, George, Joshua, Rosie, Olive, Te Ana, Meg, Eva, Clara, Marley, Olivia, Abe, Kieran Room B8: Mark RoomQ8: Kirsten, Caitlyn Room Q7: Jessica Room Q3/4: Ivan

#### **Calendar of Events**



August11ICAS Maths13BOT Meeting 6.30pm20Whole School Assembly 11am26PTA Meeting 7.30pm26September2Beach Base School Photos-9-11am3QE2 Base School Photos- 9-11am

### SCHOOL NOTICES

#### Year 7/8 Week 1 Sports Results

Every Friday we play winter sport our A netball team played SNB we won 22-1. The player of the day was Greta and Liam W. Our netball team B had a score of 4-18 and the player of the day was Kimiya. Our table tennis team beat SNB with a great win 21-6. Our rugby team had a loss against Queenspark with a score of 15-52, the player of the day went to Owen. Our soccer team also had a loss against Parkview but the player of the day was Quinn. Our hockey team had a great win against Parkview with a 5-3 win and the player of the day was Piper. By Marika

Notice in Advance to help with budgeting:

#### Swimming in Term 4:

27th October - 6th November. Cost is \$15.00 per student.

Payment in full by Friday 23rd October please.

One option is Internet banking which is a great way to make regular weekly payments towards school expenses, please contact the school office to set these up.

Our account number is 03 0814 0000333 25. Please use your child's name as a reference.

We are more than happy to work with you to ensure that no Rāwhiti child misses out on anything that is linked to our curriculum that has a cost associated with it. We are here to help.

#### House needed to rent

We have a staff member who needs an unfurnished house to rent while having their home rebuilt. They would prefer to stay in our local area and require 3 bedrooms, garage if possible, and have 2 family dogs. They will be ready to move in the last week of September / first week of October. Please email <u>lisa@rawhiti.school.nz</u> or phone 3889-519 and leave a message at the office. Thank you.

#### **PTA News**

The PTA has raised nearly \$1400 from the bacon which will be used to help improve the pool and/or playgrounds at the new school. We hope you are enjoying your bacon! Thanks so much.

#### Quiz Night - Sept 6th, Speights Ferrymead

We still have about 8 tables to book so please let us know if you're keen to come along. Just email us on <u>pta@rawhiti.school.nz</u> or text Steph on 021-136-5391. Cheers.

#### Save the Date!

Our big comedy night is on Saturday 7th November with Ben Hurley and 4 other comedians. It's going to be a really fun night. We'll be selling early bird tickets to the school community soon at a discounted rate. Please look out for this soon.

#### Sausage Sizzle

Sausage Sizzle is back on as of this week - orders from 08.30 on Thursdays at QEII and Fridays at Beach base.

#### Singing Lessons at School

Individual or group lessons available. Vocalists, bring your favourite songs and enthusiasm. Budding singer songwriters bring your ideas and a guitar. Lessons are fun, friendly and fabulous. Contact Claire for more information. <u>clairecoleman@xtra.co.nz</u>

#### Community Notices

#### **Christchurch Circus**

We are inviting Rawhiti students to join our after school classes. We will offer a discount of \$20 reducing the term fee from \$120 to \$100.Classes are either Monday or Tuesday 4 to 5:30 pm Parents can contact us by email to: <u>circustrust@gmail.com</u>

#### September Holiday Camp

- Year 7 8 @ Woodend 30 September 4th October
- 8 10 year olds @ Waipara 5th October 9th October

Children who have attended this camp in the past have had a great time We have the forms for these camps at both school offices, and they need to be completed and returned to the school office by 21st August please.

If you would like more information please ring Cheryl at Beach Base.

#### **Grace Vineyard Beach Campus – NEW PROGRAMMES**

With the recent opening of Stage 1 of our facility, a number of new and exciting programmes are starting in Term 3. These including nationally recognised Parenting Programmes such as Toolbox for the Early Years (1 - 6), and Middle Years (7 - 12), Tough Love support group for parents of teenagers, and SPACE for Mum's and Babies under 12 months. We also have limited spaces for Basketball Coaching in our new Sports Gym on Thursday afternoons for Years 4 - 8 and other social sports such as Table Tennis and Zumba for parents too. For a full timetable and more information, <u>CLICK ON THIS NEW LINK</u>, or call 3885459 or pop into our offices.

**Parenting Programme Scholarships Available for New Brighton Families** The New Brighton Community Safety Partnership has joined forces with the Burwood Pegasus Council to provide financial support to help local parents get the right tools they need to be the best parents they can be! We all know it's the hardest job in the world, but there are tips and tools that may just help your whole family. Apply now for assistance to cover the cost of any parent support group or programme. For more information and examples of great parental support programmes <u>CLICK ON</u> <u>THIS LINK</u>, or pick up a copy of the form from your local school.

#### **Computers in Homes**

'Computers in Homes' is for families who have school aged children, and no computer at home.

- You will need to attend the free training at our school. This will take place once a week on Tuesdays 9.15 – 11.15am for a term. This will show you how to use your computer so you can send emails, use the Internet and help with your family's education. You will also learn the basics of supervising your children on the Internet.
- To be part of CIH will cost you \$50. Please pay to the school office (e.g. \$5 per week for 10 weeks).
- At the end of the training you will receive a refurbished computer to take home and a certificate at graduation.
- CIH will contribute towards your Internet connection where possible.
- CIH will also provide technical support for 12 months. Please sign up at the school office!

#### St Andrew's Afterschool Programme

109 Marriotts Rd, North New Brighton. Every Tuesday during school term, 3-5pm. \$2 donation. Join us for games, craft activities etc. Afternoon tea provided. For further details please phone Win Jacobs on 981 1292.

# **Come and Play...**

# at North Beach Tennis Club!

## **Only \$50 for New Adult Members**

Opening day Saturday 5th September

Session Times: Wednesdays: 9.30am Saturday Juniors: 9.00am - 12.00pm Saturday Open Grade: 1.30pm

#### Find Out More:

Visit us at 34 Palmers Road, New Brighton Follow us on facebook.com/northbeachtennischristchurch Check out our website www.sportsground.co.nz/northbeachtennisclub Contact Derek 027 4428629 or Ethna 981 5491

We look forward to seeing you on the courts!