

Newsletter 6 : 12th April 2017



From The Principal

Kia ora koutou

I have very much enjoyed being back 'on duty' this week, getting my head in the game ahead of the new term starting. I'd like to acknowledge Paul Wilkinson and Helen Parata for their outstanding leadership over the last month.

Schools are not static places and a lot has happened in the time that I have been away - swimming sports, Year 5/6 camps, Learning Conversations..... and we are now the proud new guardians of the Pod Oasis from the Re Start Mall! As always our PTA were on the lookout for amazing new opportunities for the school, and saw that Greening the Rubble were looking for a new home for these lovely seating pods. They put together a great case for our school, and the pods are ours. Please see elsewhere in this newsletter for some photos.

Tonight the PTA have another event planned for our school community – a Family Fun Night with the Court Jesters. Please support the PTA when you can. By supporting the PTA you are supporting our school and your children.

Staffing News

At its last meeting for the term the Board of Trustees accepted the resignation of Wayne McQueen. Wayne has a long association with schooling in this area, having spent 30 years teaching at Freeville and Rāwhiti Schools. I know that we have Rāwhiti parents who were themselves taught by Wayne when they were at school. Wayne will be remembered by our children for his love of outdoor games and sport, letting children tinker and build with real tools, and organising fun school camps. I know everyone here wishes Wayne well as he moves on to the next chapter in his life.

Wayne's place in the release teaching timetable will be filled by our other part time staff members – Caroline Briggs, Marcella Wood, Diane Gowland and Louise Wynn.

Winter Uniform

Please ensure that your children are in the correct uniform next term. Children can wear black or white long-sleeved polypropylene tops underneath their school polo shirts. Children can wear black or white socks, or black tights. Stripes and bright coloured polyprops and tights are not part of the uniform so please check that your children are not wearing these.

Sunhats are not required again until Term 4, but with the frosty weather just around the corner please name hats, gloves, coats etc so they don't join the growing pile of lost property. If an item has a name we can usually get it back to its owner. Anything un-named left in the lost property box over the holidays will be washed and passed on to the PTA for re-sale.

A final reminder that school is officially closed tomorrow as staff take part in a day of professional learning around the Registered Teacher Criteria. I hope you all enjoy the Easter and Anzac breaks, and look forward to seeing everyone back safely next term.



What's coming up

12th April: PTA Family Night 6.00pm – 8.50pm

13th April: School Closed Teacher Only Day. End of Term.



School Notices

Court Theatre Family Fun Night

The PTA have organized an evening of laughter for families, tonight at 6:30pm. The Court Theatre Scared Scriptless cast of quick-thinking improvisers work with no scripts or safety nets, turning audience suggestions into a fast-paced, furiously funny interactive comedy extravaganza.

Tickets will be available from the PTA at the door, Tickets will be \$5 per person. The PTA will be selling food and running carnival like games from 4:30pm on the day, with the show starting at 6:30pm.

Policy Review

This week is your last opportunity to review our policy on Cultural Diversity.

To participate please follow this process:

- Visit the website <http://rawhiti.schooldocs.co.nz> (There is a direct link to this site from our school website, under the General Information tab.
- Enter the username Rāwhiti and password East.
- Click on the Current Review tab.
- Read the policy, then click on the Policy Review button.
- Select the reviewer type 'Parent' and then submit your rating and a comment, if you wish.

If you prefer, you can ask at the office for a paper copy of the policy review form.

Out of Zone Applications Term 3

Applications for out of zone enrolments for Term 3 close at midday on Wednesday May 17th. If you are not sure whether or not this applies to your pre-schooler, please contact Jan in the school office.

Teacher Only Day – Thursday 13th April

Just a reminder that school will be closed for instruction due to Staff Professional Development on Thursday 13th April.

The PODs are coming to Rawhiti!

You may have heard that our school is the lucky winner of the competition to re-home the POD OASIS. Designed for the 2014 Ellerslie Flower Show where it won a Silver Distinction, it was relocated and has been residing at Re:Start Mall. With the inner city mall winding up this year, the garden and pods needed a new permanent home.

A massive thanks to the PTA for submitting an entry into the competition on behalf of the school. We think that these art forms and garden will be an amazing asset to our school grounds. They will be located out the back of the Library where we can see they will be a quiet place to sit with friends, somewhere to chill out, an outdoor reading space and a great place for our community to enjoy while using the bike track.



Student Health Team Forum

On Tuesday 4th April, the student health teams from 12 different schools around Christchurch got together to share their projects. It was interesting to learn what other schools have been doing and how they were helping to improve student health in their schools. They covered issues from mental health and emotional health to physical health. First we all separated into discussion groups and shared our projects, plans and ideas. Then we did some zumba and had some morning tea. After that everyone split into activity groups that Rawhiti students had organised. The choices were Predator which is a type of tag, cycling on our brand new bike track, mindfulness where you learned how to relax yourself and listen to your body and the food challenge where you got blindfolded and ate a piece of food. There were also some health agencies there like Canbreathe, Smokefree, Canterbury District Health Board, He Kainga Oranga, Community Nutritionist, Healthy Housing and 100% Water. Finally we separated back into our schools and discussed what we'd learnt and our next steps.

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Swimming Zones

Here are our clever Swimmers that competed at the Canterbury Champs. They all swam their little hearts out!! With some really great results.



They are: Nicolas C, Tom R, Tui R, Joey C, Joshua C, Freya C & Dara.

Making sense of anxiety in children

Facilitated DVD Course



Anxiety in children is reaching epidemic proportions, as one of the most common diagnoses in children. Anxiety takes many forms, including obsessions, compulsions, phobias, and panic. Various hand-me-down strategies attempt to address this age-old problem. But anxiety begs for an explanation in order to arrive at a solution that addresses the roots, not just manages the symptoms.

This course will be helpful for anyone working with children: - parents, teachers, counsellors.

While we will be focusing on understanding a child's anxiety, it will also be a useful course for understanding the adult's anxiety

Tuesday evenings 7pm - 9pm (9th May - 30 May)

Special introductory offer of \$40 per person (includes manual and refreshments)

Enquiries and registrations

ph Sandy 0221 351 537

email doorsofhopecounselling@gmail.com



This video-course has been developed by internationally renowned developmental psychologist Dr. Gordon Neufeld, a best-selling and award-winning author. His revolutionary yet scientific approach turns parenting right-side up, restoring natural intuition to parenting and putting parents back in the driver's seat. His book, *Hold On To Your Kids* is causing an international stir and is now available in eight languages. This video-course takes the best that science has to offer and renders it readily accessible to parents of children of all ages. Dr. Neufeld's approach has won powerful endorsements from such luminaries as Dr. Daniel Siegel, Dr. Mary Pipher, Raffi, Dr. Peter Levine and Robert Bly. For more information about Dr. Neufeld or his approach, visit his website: www.neufeldinstitute.com.



Facilitated by Sandy Hitchens
Sandy is a counsellor who specialises in working with children and their parents at various CHCH Primary Schools. As she is currently studying in the Facilitator Diploma programme through the Neufeld Institute, she is able to bring some of these amazing courses to Christchurch.

Community Notices

(Notices placed here are contingent on space and do not reflect the views or opinions of the school.)

Dental Care over the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will operate an emergency service over the school holidays. This service is to provide relief of pain only and will not undertake 'routine' treatment. The service will be available each working day from 8:45am until 12:30pm from the Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street, Christchurch for the following times:

Tuesday, 18th April to 21st April 2017 (excluding weekends) Monday, 24th April, Wednesday, 26th April to Friday, 28th April 2017 (excluding weekends)

This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance.

Gymsports Holiday Programme

18th-21st April 2017

9am - 3pm daily - \$140.00 per week

(Daily Bookings \$40 per day)

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

WINZ subsidies apply Gymsports Programme

For ages 5 -12 years

For more information or to enroll please see our website www.csg.org.nz or phone us on 03 3886616

Holiday Programme activities:

Tuesday: Get to know you games, gymnastics, Pick our shows, mini games.

Wednesday: Trampoline (bring white socks), crafts-puppets, giant games.

Thursday: Gymnastics, baking - cheese rolls, practice puppet shows.

Friday: Show time. Trampoline (bring white socks), Shared lunch, games.

The Patricia Paul School of Dance, your local dance school, is currently giving Jazz and Ballet lessons in your area. The school's director is teacher, choreographer & ex-ballet dancer Patricia Paul A.R.A.D. (London). Ballet lessons from 3 years through to Advanced, and all levels in Jazz and Hip Hop starting from age 6. For all enquiries please phone 372-9191 or email info@studioone.co.nz

HOT DEAL! - Only \$65 for Term 2 for ages 3 to 7.



Youth Alive Trust
111 Seaview Road, New Brighton

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES APRIL 2017

In Days	08:30 a.m.-03:30 p.m.	\$30.00
Outing Days	08:30 a.m.-03:30 p.m.	\$35.00
In Days Extension	08:30 a.m.-06:00 p.m.	\$42.00
Outing Days Extension	08:30 a.m.-06:00 p.m.	\$47.00
Discounted 4 Days Normal	08:30 a.m.-03:30 p.m.	\$120.00
Discounted 4 Days Extension	08:30 a.m.-06:00 p.m.	\$170.00

EASTER MONDAY CLOSED

Mon 17 Apr



Years 1 - 4 Programme

Eggstravaganza

Tue 18 Apr



A day of Easter fun, with all things egg! You'll even get to eat some treats! Come along for an exciting day.

Orana Wildlife Park

Wed 19 Apr



Day visit to walk around and see the animals. Bring along a picnic lunch, drink bottle, jacket and sunhat.

Weka Pass Railway

Thu 20 Apr



We're off to Weka Pass, where we'll ride an old diesel train. There's plenty of time to admire the views and play some games! Bring lunch to eat out.

Dress Up Day

Fri 21 Apr



Come dressed up as a character from an occupation. (Just from what you have no need to buy). Bring food to share for a picnic lunch.

EASTER MONDAY CLOSED

Mon 17 Apr



Years 5 - 9 Programme

Golfing

Tue 18 Apr



Crazy activities in the morning followed by an afternoon playing the wacky Frisbee golf! (Wet Day: Mini Golf)

Circus Day

Wed 19 Apr



We'll be trying all sorts of activities to do with the circus, come to try some juggling, flips and all sorts! Bring good shoes.

Weka Pass Rail trip

Thu 20 Apr



We're off to Weka Pass, where we'll ride an old diesel train. There's plenty of time to admire the views and play some games! Bring lunch to eat out.

Van Rally

Fri 21 Apr



We're heading out to try some challenges and games around all of Christchurch. Bring lunch to eat out, water bottle, and comfortable shoes.

For more information, call (03) 388 1001
or email rego@yat.org.nz

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