

From the Principal

Kia ora koutou

With the arrival of spring tomorrow we see the end of the winter sport competition that our rugby, soccer, netball, hockey, table tennis, and lawn bowls teams have been taking part in each Friday afternoon. We offer sincere thanks to the teachers and parents who have acted as team coaches, managers and sideline supporters throughout the season. We could not field the number of teams that we do without your support, and we are lucky to have so many skilled parents who are passionate about children being involved in sport.

Distinguished Visitors

Last week we hosted two members of Parliament here at school.

On Tuesday morning The Honorable Nikki Kaye, Minister of Education spent some time here at school. Her visit was in response to an invitation from the Board of Trustees to discuss ongoing issues relating to both the merger process and the building project. As a result of our meeting the Ministry of Education has undertaken to have the building defects repaired by the end of this year, and to address any health and safety issues arising from the building project e.g. fencing the car park, moving provision for the dental van to a safer location, and dealing with the storm water removal. A project manager has already been appointed to oversee this work, so it certainly feels as if we are making progress.



The Minister had time to meet briefly with a group of our senior students, who were able to talk with her about their experience of the merger process, and share their opinions as to the schools most pressing needs.

Rāwhiti School was chosen as the venue for the official launch of 'Christchurch – Our Underground Story' by Phil Wilkins. The Hon. Nicky Wagner, along with representatives from McConnell Dowell, Fletcher, City Care, Downer, and Fulton Hogan, presented the first copy of this new book to our library.



Staff News

Bev McTaggart has decided that she will retire at the end of this year after a lengthy career in teaching. Bev assures us she will not be sitting around with her feet up next year – she intends to do some relieving and volunteer work, at Rāwhiti School, of course.

Alison Beech will be joining our permanent staff as a Team Leader in 2018. Alison is currently a Team Leader at Thorndon School and is looking forward to returning home to Christchurch.



Last week we celebrated a milestone for two of our teachers. Lauren Yaxley and Brogan O'Neil have both achieved Full Registration with the Education Council. They are the first two teachers to complete this process while working at Rāwhiti School and we are really proud of the teachers they have become.



Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa
Liz Weir

Principal Awards

Rongo-Ma-Tāne:	Lincoln, Hunter M, Harley, Lexie, Maeve, Leon P, Jakob, Millah, Mason D, Azariah, Hunter R, Leon, Eden, Jack, Manaia, Caily, Emilie, Winslow
Haumia Tiketike:	Xavier, AnnaBelle

What's coming up?

August 31 st	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
Sept 1 st	Last day for Winter Sport
Sept 4 th	Maths Meet Up. 3:15pm & 6:00pm
Sept 6 th -9 th	National Monitoring Project Year 4
Sept 7 th	School Photos
Sept 12 th -13 th	Year 4 Zoofari Camp
Sept 13 th	Year 7/8 Ski Trip to Mt Hutt



School Notices

Maths Meet Up

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We invite you to our first Maths Meet Up session.

Come to the Rāwhiti School library on

Monday 4 September

from 3:15 - 3:45pm.

or to a repeat session from
6 - 6:30pm.

There will be stations you can visit to see what our students are doing in maths at school.

There will be some problem solving, basic facts work, some resources and game ideas you can play at home.

We look forward to seeing you.



RISE Values

At Rāwhiti School we **RISE** above the ordinary by valuing:

- Resilience
- Integrity
- Success
- Empathy

Here is a great quote about Empathy.

Orana Park Year 2– 3 visits

Year 2 – 3 students from Haumia Tike Tike and Ata Hapra are going to Orana Park for Zoofari on September 25th.

The cost is \$6.00 per student. Payment is due by Thursday 21st September.

The school office has eft-pos available or you may find internet banking more convenient. Please put your child's name as your reference. Bank account details: 03 0814 0000 333 25.

Year 4 Sleepover and Orana Park visit

Our Year 4 students are sleeping over at school on Tuesday 12th September and then on Wednesday 13th September visiting Orana Park. The cost is \$15.00 per student and payment is due by Friday 8th September.

The school office has eft-pos available or you may find internet banking more convenient. Please put your child's name as your reference. Bank account details: 03 0814 0000 333 25.

Winter Sport Results and Draws

Visit the link below for the weekly sports draw and results:

<http://www.easterncommunity.co.nz/programme/rcsi-sport-cluster/>

Canterbury Winter Sport Tournament



Our Year 5/6 and Year 7/ 8 hockey teams along with the Year 5/6 rugby team represented our school at the Canterbury Winter Sport Tournament held at Hagley Park on Thursday 24th August.

The Year 5/6 hockey team finished 4th in the pool and played off for 7th and 8th place against Mt Pleasant School. The team finished 8th and were in the top half of the competition. This team had only started playing hockey this year which makes their final position a real credit to themselves and their coach Di Hubrick. Di was very impressed with their attitude and how they

played for each other all season. Di, thank you for your time in coaching this team, and supporting them on Friday afternoon and at tournament's. We appreciate your time and support.



The Year 7/8 team tied for third in their pool and 8th overall . Matt Barnes was the coach and he was very impressed with the team's skill and determination this year. Thank you Matt for your work with this team this season.

The Year 5/6 team also finished 4th in their pool and 8th overall out of 32 teams at the tournament.. Andrew Redmond was their coach this year and said the team has played for each other and their work ethic at training and the games was a credit to them.

Both the Year 7/8 Hockey and Year 5/6 rugby will play in the finals this Friday, the last day of Winter Sport.



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If you wish for family photos to be taken please complete the form below and

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Looking for something sporty for your primary aged children to do in the upcoming October holiday's, the Kelly Sports Programme at Rāwhiti School is back and bookings available online at www.kellysports.co.nz (search for Rāwhiti School)