



From The Principal

Kia ora koutou

Education Review Office Report

We are delighted to be able to share with you all the confirmed report from the Education Review Office, following their audit of the school in Term 1.

Rāwhiti School is well placed to provide for its students and is operating well in accordance with its vision and values. The board and senior leadership team have high expectations for children's learning, wellbeing and achievement. They are future focused and work together effectively. The school's vision and strategic plan are guiding school operations and practices.

The school is strongly focused on incorporating bicultural perspectives into all aspects of learning and teaching. They have been well served by the local iwi, Ngāi Tūāhuriri, to include the history of the local environment into the school's curriculum. Associated kīwaha (sayings) align well with the school's vision, 'To rise above the ordinary'. The bilingual programme strongly model the use of both Māori and English languages. Children learn in a supportive, whānau-based environment. Teachers are making effective use of professional learning to strengthen their use of Te Marautanga o Aotearoa (the Māori curriculum). They are working with whānau to develop a graduate profile for Year 8 leavers going to secondary school.

The school's curriculum provides opportunities for older children to support younger children in their learning and play. These tuakana-teina relationships closely reflect the school's bicultural emphasis. Leaders and teachers have implemented a well-considered, responsive approach to the curriculum. The needs of children have been central to its emerging design. Teachers purposefully provide children with choices and leadership opportunities to strengthen their decision-making and build their independence and ability to manage their own learning. The assessment of children's writing has been strengthened. Teacher confidence and consistency in making judgements has improved the reliability of assessment in writing. Some good cohort progress in literacy is evident. The level of professional sharing by teachers is building a cohesive and collegial team.

A significant feature of the school is its high quality transition to school programme for new entrant children and their parents. The play-based learning approach in the junior school is effectively supporting children's transition and engagement in learning. Teachers collaboratively work with early childhood staff to make the transition process for children as smooth as possible. Parents are well informed of the ways that they can help their children's learning at home.

The board provides strong support for children with additional learning needs. Substantial pastoral care is provided for children and their whānau. A range of specialist agencies and the Ministry of Education provide professional skills and resources to support improved outcomes for children. The board and principal have a good understanding of internal evaluation. The principal and teachers are reflective and appropriately evaluate the effectiveness of their processes and procedures. These include spontaneous reviews and concept evaluations that result in positive outcomes for children. The board and senior leadership team effectively provide a range of professional learning and development to build on teacher strengths and increase their understanding of new approaches to teaching and learning. Teachers share their new professional knowledge and innovative or effective strategies that have led to positive outcomes for children.



The school is very well governed and led with children's wellbeing and learning central to all decision-making. While aspects of the school's operation are still in the early stages of development, ERO is confident that the priorities focused on, have been well chosen. The curriculum is appropriate and innovative. The community can be assured that the school is in a very good position to move forward.

Understandably, we are very proud of what we have achieved in the time that we have been open. Are we heading in the right direction? Yes! Are we there yet? No! Once we have been open for three years ERO will return to carry out a full audit of the teaching and learning programmes.

I want to pay tribute to everyone who has played a part in getting our school to this point – the extraordinary staff, parents and children who make up Rāwhiti School.

Nga mihi nui

Liz Weir
Principal

What's coming up?

25 th May	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
30 th May	ICAS Science Exam
30 th May	Welcome to Rāwhiti School Party 9.30-10.30am
2 nd June	Whole school assembly 9.15-10.15am
	Scholastic Book Orders close
	Winter Sport starts Year 5 - 8
5 th June	Queen's Birthday Holiday – School Closed
7 th June	PTA Meeting 7.30-9.30pm



Principal Awards:

Rongo-Ma-Tane: Oakley, Isla, Violet, Kora, Jahmaine, Connor

School Notices

Strike Percussion Show

The children really enjoyed the Strike Percussion Show today. Very talented musicians. The children who participated in the workshops were thoroughly entertained.

Thank You To Paper Plus who have donated \$250.00 to our school library to purchase library books. We won their Back to School campaign. Thank you to the families who nominated us when you purchased your school stationery from them

Winter Sport starts on Friday 2nd June. The cost is \$35.00 per player and your child has been asked to complete a form if they are interested in participating. Please ensure this permission form is returned to school. Winter Sport is for Year 5 – 8 students.

The cost must be paid either in full before Winter Sport begins, or arrangements need to have been made with the office with regards to regular payments. Internet banking is available – 03 0814 0000333 25. Please put your child's name as a reference

Court Theatre Matatihi Show– 14th June

The Court Theatre is bringing their production of Matatihi – Maia's Journey of Bravery, to Rāwhiti School on 14th June at 9.30am. The cost per student is \$3.00 with school subsidising the balance. Payment is due by Friday 9th June. Thank you.

Rock and Senior Band, Year 7 & 8 Basketball and Sound Audi Technicians Course

If your child is part of any of the above could you please ensure that you have paid for them to participate.

The Band and the Sound Audio Technicians course is \$5.00 per week and basketball is \$25.00 for term2 and \$25.00 for term 3.

CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday 16th May our Year 5 – 8 students went down to the beach to participate in our school cross country. It was a great day and we had some great results. Thank you to the staff who organised the cross country.

The following students won their year level and went on to the Eastern Zone Cross Country held at Queenspark School on Tuesday 23rd. Leo, Ben, Nicholas, Tom, Jack, Leyam, Kieran, Joshua, Leory, Shaun, Nile, Clara, Charlotte, Kirsten, Carmen, Charli, Zoe, Mikayla, Emma, Kiara and Tui.



At the Zones Tom came in first for his year level, Kieran 2nd, Kiara 4th, Clara 5th, Leo 5th and Leroy 5th. These students will now go on to the Canterbury Cross Country. We wish them all the best.

COMING SOON - The Loose Parts Shed

Another exciting playground development is underway and will be up and running soon! One of our school strategic goals is to 'create a vibrant and inviting environment that our children will love' and our new container is the start of a Loose Part shed. Loose Parts are materials that can be moved, carried, combined, redesigned, lined up, and taken apart and put back together in multiple ways. They are materials with no specific set of directions that can be used alone or combined with other materials. They are natural or synthetic resources in our environment that empower our creativity. We are looking forward to gathering materials and equipment for our shed over the next couple of weeks and seeing what amazing creations our students can create and build.



Community Notices

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

The Patricia Paul School of Dance

Your local dance school, is currently giving Jazz and Ballet lessons in your area.

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

Christchurch Martial Arts - Children's Classes: 250 Stanmore Rd ph 3898831

Chinese Kickboxing Sunday 2.00pm

Judo Monday to Friday 4.00pm

Karate Tuesday & Thursday 5.15pm

Thai Kickboxing Wednesday & Friday 4.00pm

Boxing Monday 5.00pm (10 years min)

WuShu KungFu Sunday 3.00pm

Stay And Play Event At ABC Parklands

You are invited to come along to ABC Parklands – 25 Chadbury Street 23rd June 10.00am – 2.00pm for some entertainment and stay and play.

Christchurch Children Urgently Need Foster Care

Foster Care –is for a period of time with the goal that the child will return to their own family or into a permanent home.

Emergency Care – a child may come to you for a few days or a longer period, depending on the family circumstances.

Respite Care – is looking after a child for short periods as a support for their parents or main carer

Home for life – is when a child is not able to return home and you become their lifelong carers, as part of your family

It takes all sorts of people to look after our children. You might be surprised to find that you're just the right person to offer your love, and make a real difference in a young life.

For more information please contact Lorraine 9632149 or Eugene 9632154