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From The Deputy Principals Kia ora koutou



Staffing Update

We welcome Stuart Reid to our teaching team. Stuart will join Vicki Stevenson, who will be familiar to you as one of our part-time release teachers, in Tane Mahuta from the beginning of Term3.

Ata Hāpara continues to grow and we are currently advertising for a fourth teacher to work alongside our bilingual learners. We have also appointed Awatea Pokai, as a kaiawhina for the bilingual programme and he will begin in Week 2 of Term 3.

A message from Liz......

As many of you are aware I have been away now for quite a number of weeks recovering from unexpected lung surgery, and so I have been focusing more on the health system than the education system of late. However, it has given me the opportunity to think about collaboration from a whole new perspective.

Hospitals are great examples of environments that require collaboration and sharing of responsibilities. It is very reassuring to be wheeled into an operating theatre and see a host of professionals waiting there - anaesthetists, surgeons and specialist nurses. All are there to achieve the same outcome for the patient by utilising the skills, competencies and knowledge that each professional brings to the team. It would have been most worrying to find just one person in the operating theatre, in fact I am not sure I would have stayed!

Perhaps this is another way for us to view the changes in the education sector that have seen a move away from single cell classrooms and teachers operating in isolation?

Schools are busy places, and they don't just stop when people are absent. I would like to acknowledge Paul and Helen for leading admirably in my absence – another great example of collaborative practice – and to thank everyone on the team who has taken on extra responsibility this term.

Enjoy the upcoming holidays. I am very much looking forward to returning to school full time next term and seeing you all again.

"Choose another word"

We have been having discussions at school about some of the unacceptable language that we are hearing used around school. We know that families all have different expectations about the sorts of words that are used in stressful situations but we are finding that a small number of children are using words that are offensive. Our TIDE team (Thinking, Ideas, Development and Evaluation) have met and brainstormed ideas about how we can help children make better choices with their language. The phrase they came up with is, "Choose another word". The TIDE team children are working in their classes to communicate this message and adults at school will reinforce this too.



Canterbury Schools Gymnastic Competition

Well done to Charlotte and Mikayla who represented us at The Canterbury Schools Gymnastics Competition. Charlotte placed 2nd in beam and 3rd in floor.





Bike track Update

The contract for the track construction has been let. The bike container has been ordered. The bikes are in storage waiting for the container. Our lovely PTA are working on fundraising to pay for bikes and helmets. Woo hoo! We are not sure yet when this will be all up and running but it is getting closer.

Extraordinary Musicians!

Well done to the music students who performed in Assembly last Friday. All the hard work you have put into lessons has paid off and it was great to see all the learning and practice come to life. The Rock Band entertained students with their lunchtime concert. Massive thanks to our tutors Grace, Josiah and Jordan from Amplify Music for the fantastic job with our talented musicians. If your child is interested in having lessons, enrolments are done online. Visit www.amplify.mymusicstaff.com under Enrolments tab.

We have a large choir of students from Year 3-8 who practice together every Monday afternoon under the tuition of Jenny and Louise. They have been learning and rehearsing a number of songs and will be performing for us at assembly on the 8th July, 9:15am. We look forward to seeing more talented Rāwhiti musicians in action!

Learning Conversations

There will be an opportunity for students, parents and caregivers to again meet with teacher/s to share progress, learning and achievement information and to set new goals for learning. These will be held in Week 3 and 4 of next term. Details of times, dates and how to book online will be available from the beginning of next Term.

School finishes for the term next Friday, and resumes again on Monday 25th July. We wish all our students and families a safe and relaxing holiday. Stay warm.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa Helen Parata & Paul Wilkinson

Calendar of Events

July

4-8 Māori Language Week 6 PTA Meeting 9:00am

6 'Nukes' Ukelele concert 2pm

8 School Assembly 9.15am

25 NBCCC Nathan Wallis presentation 7-9pm

26 Dancing like the Stars

August

2 ICAS English testing

4 PTA Meeting 7:30pm

4 Winter Tournament

5 School Assembly 9.15am

9, 10, 15, 16 Learning Conversations

18 Mairehau High music performance

18 BOT Meeting 6.30pm

19 School Assembly 9.15am

24 Ready for Rawhiti party

31 Cultural Festival

Principal Awards

Rongo-mā-tāne – Baylee, Caden, Montana, Lleyton, Olivia, Charlie, Arnica, Shayden, Cadence, Ayla-Jade, Dylan, Xavier, Luke, Aidan, Ava, Maea, Brooke W, Annabelle, Madison L.

Papatūānuku/Ata Hāpara - Miriam, West

Tane Mahuta – Lucy, Pepper



School Notices

Absences & Late Students

Just a reminder if your child/ren are away for any reason, please let the office know. Phone 3889519 or text 02108271380. The teachers complete the roll between 9-9.10am and 12.30-12.40pm each day. Our office staff follow up on any students who are not in class by sending a text message, then following up with a phone call if necessary. If your child arrives at school after the roll has been taken, they will need to come to the office to collect a "Yay – I've arrived" pass. The office staff will then mark the student on the roll as present.

Dancing like the Stars

A dancing group of 30 Year 5 and 6 students from Tāwhirimatea have been practicing twice weekly with their tutor Sandy, a Dance director and choreographer (Chant et Danse). The students have absolutely taken up the challenge and worked with Sandy to create an amazing jazz routine. The group will be performing in the Dancing Like the Stars Show (with other Christchurch school groups) at the Isaac Theatre Royal on Tuesday 26th July at 6pm. Students and their families will be given free tickets to attend the show.

Te Wiki o te reo Māori

Next week is Māori Language Week. The theme for this year is ākina to reo/ te reo tautoko – behind you all the way which is about using te reo Māori to support people, to inspire and to cheer on. Perhaps you could try using some of these phrases at home to support your tamati/tamariki

Kei reira! Right on! That's the one!

Karawhiua! Give it heaps! Give it all you got!

Ka wani kē! Awesome! Fabulous! Ka mau te wehi! That's outstanding!

Ka pai hoki koe! Good on you!

You can find more phrases to try (one a week for a whole year!) at

http://www.tetaurawhiri.govt.nz/assets/LanguageResources/50-Fun-Phrases-A3-Poster.pdf

Bicycle Safety

Students biking to school are expected to follow the road rules. It is illegal to ride bicycles on footpaths, unless delivering mail or when cycling a wheeled recreational device that has a wheel diameter less than 355 millimetres (normally a tricycle or small child's bicycle). Children who bike to school need to make sure they are safe, and it may mean they need to get off their bike and walk it along the footpath until they reach a safe place to enter the road. We have a shared path along our western boundary that children who bike to school use, alongside pedestrians, to take them to the bike stand area. The police recommend that no child under the age of ten should cycle to school unless accompanied by an adult.



Winter Sport update

Every Friday afternoon a large team of students represent our school in a range of sports and activities at Rāwhiti Domain and around the local area. We have teams competing in Rugby, Football, Netball, Hockey, Lawn Bowls and Table Tennis. We also have a group of students who help out at the Community Garden alongside students from the other schools.



Our table tennis team plays at Grace Vineyard Church each Friday. We play against South NB, Queenspark, Te Pa, Parkview, and Chch East. Most of the time we win. The game helps us learn how to communicate with a partner practice our table tennis skills, and is lots of fun. Thanks to Miss S for all her work organising the team.

SNAG Golf After School Sessions

Following on from successful SNAG lessons with our Year 4 students, Kelly Sports is offering an After School programme on Mondays for Term 3 at Rāwhiti School. SNAG stands for "Starting New at Golf". It is a fun game that is easy to learn and can be played anywhere. SNAG contains all the elements of golf but in a modified form.

Blue Ribbon Trust

We have been offered support for families from the Blue Ribbon Trust. They are able to assist with raincoats, shoes or thermal items for individual children. Please let us know if this would be of help to your child/ren, especially as the weather is getting colder now.

Lost Property

Now that winter is here, we have a number or hats, scarfs and gloves in our lost property box and in studios. Please make sure all items are clothing are named so we can return them to the rightful owner. We will be putting the lost property out next week. Please check if any of it belongs to your child/ren.



Community Notices

Shoes For Sale

Girls black McKinlay Leather Shoes, size 6. As new, barely worn \$40. See Jan or Jude in the office if you are interested.





NEW BRIGHTON IS BACK!

Your *local* radio station, broadcasting from **87.9FM** in New Brighton & **88.3FM** in Aranui





PTA Notices

Hanmer Winter Break Raffle

More than half the tickets have been snapped up already in the raffle for our amazing Hanmer Springs prize packs. Tickets are \$2 each and are only being sold at school, which means three lucky Rāwhiti whanau will win one of these prizes:

1st PRIZE

Hanmer Holiday Home Voucher (Worth \$200)

Hanmer Hot Springs Mini Group Pool Pass (Worth \$50)

BP QE2 Fuel/Gift Cards (Worth \$40)

BP QE2 Hot drink and Muffin vouchers (x5) for the car ride there (Worth \$25)

BP QE2 Car Wash (Triple Pack) to wash the car when you get home (Worth \$45)

2nd Prize

1 Day Hanmer Hot Springs Mini Group Pool Pass (Worth \$50)

BP QE2 Car Wash (Triple Pack) to wash the car when you get home (Worth \$45)

3rd Prize

1 Day Hanmer Hot Springs Mini Group Pool Pass (Worth \$50)

BP QE2 Car Wash (Triple Pack) to wash the car when you get home (Worth \$45)

With only 500 tickets, odds are much better than Lotto! Please come and see our friendly ladies outside the school office at drop off and pick up times for the rest of this week. Raffle will be drawn next week.

PTA morning meeting Wed 6th July

We have so much going on right now and with Term 2 just about finished, we needed to have two meetings to get everything sorted. The second PTA meeting will be at 9.15am next Wednesday (6th July) in the school's meeting room (next to reception) and we will be discussing sponsorship for the Bikes in Schools programme and the children's art calendars for the end of the year among other things.

You are most welcome to attend this morning PTA meetings At the same time as next week's PTA meeting, there is a parents' coffee morning.

Winter Hoedown - 13th August

We're now selling tickets for our Winter Hoedown with the legendary Black Velvet Band. Tickets can be ordered from http://www.rawhitipta.org.nz/hoedown-tickets.html



Kindling Still Available!

We still have a number of bags of this excellent, dry kindling which we are selling for \$6.50 each. You can pick this up anytime from school as its being stored on site.

If you have questions about anything PTA related please don't hesitate to get in touch by email: pta@rawhiti.school.nz

Cheers everyone!

School Holiday Notices

There are lots of things happening for the School Holidays. See the notices below. You might like to check out what's on for KidsFest too www.kidsfest.co.nz



Skellerup Marching Team

It's FUN, We TRAVEL, UNIFORMS are cool, It's a TEAM sport, We train at Oueenspark School.

For Parents: It teaches your children commitment, discipline, deportment (all those things we don't want our kids to lose)

COST: Same as other sports - term by term

We would love you to contact us on:

Lana: 027 264 7540, Pagen: 027 323 2129 or Barbara: 323 9596 or 027 664 5854

Email: skellerupu12team@hotmail.com or skelleruproyalguards@gmail.com

OR Come down with your friends SUNDAY 3 JULY, QUEENSPARK SCHOOL HALL 10-12 noon

We have a team for ALL 4 years - 15 years - (Parents, there is a space for you too)

We would love to see you.

July Active Kids Holiday Programmes

Registrations now open

Week 1 - Monday 11th July - Friday 15th July

Week 2 - Monday 18th July - Friday 22nd July

Active Kids is an exciting structured programme of sport, physical activity and play for primary school aged children. The programmes are safe and affordable; there are a number of programme/venue options to suit you and your children's needs. OSCAR subsidies available.

Visit our website for full details: http://www.sportcanterbury.org.nz/new-zealand/holiday-programmes/

Youth Alive Trust Programmes

1. July Holiday Programmes

Registrations are now open for our Junior and Senior Holiday Programmes in July for Years 1-4 and Years 5-9. Activities include Clip & Climb, Gymnastics, a trip to the Theatre, heaps of games and an awesome group of leaders! Sign up online or at our offices.

2. Kidsfest Activities in New Brighton

Youth Alive Trust are hosting three Kidsfest activities in July, including Basketball Holiday Programmes for ages 6 – 12, 'Have a Go' Music Lessons for ages 5 – 13, and a preschoolers Music Session by Petite Music Box. More info in the Kidsfest booklet or online.

3. Mother & Daughter Camp - Years 7 & 8

Registrations are now open for these 2 nights in Hanmer, with other local Mums and Daughters, from 26th – 28th August. Brochure online.

4. Daily Senior Oscar - Years 5 - 8

An after school OSCAR with a difference – there's no little kids! Activities including Kitchen Klub, Craft Club, Basketball, Table Tennis and more! FREE van pick ups from Rawhiti, SNBS and NBC Primary schools. WINZ subsidies apply.

5. Parenting Toolbox Courses

We are taking the details of parents wanting to complete a Parenting Toolbox course in New Brighton ran by The Parenting Place. Options include Early Years, Middle Years or Tweens & Teens. Scholarships are available for a limited time, but we need enough numbers for it to run. Contact: parenting@yat.org.nz

For more information on all these programmes, visit: www.yat.org.nz, call 3881001, or drop into the offices at 111 Seaview Road, New Brighton.



St Lukes Holiday Programme

212 Pine Ave

Week 1 July 11th- 15th 9 am -12 noon daily

Thursday trip day 9.am -2pm

Cost \$20 for the whole week (includes trip)

Daily rate available.

For more information or to book a place please

phone or text ph 0220542093

St Andrews Holiday Programme

109 Marriotts Rd, North New Brighton

Week 2 July 18th- 22nd 9 am -12 noon daily

Thursday trip day 9.am -2pm

Cost \$20 for the whole week (includes trip)

Daily rate available.

For more information or to book a place please

phone or text ph 0220542093

Mainland Football

Have a ball, join Mainland Football's action-packed holiday programme for some outdoors fun! Develop your football skills in a fun, child-friendly environment. Mainland Football's holiday programmes are available for kids, boys and girls, aged 7 to 14 years old and not just for beginners; the programme is also a development opportunity for those already in the game. Each day includes skill-based training, so kids can learn football tricks and techniques to become better players. There are also plenty of chances to play football games in a fun environment, and experience the thrill of putting those skills into practice. The programme is available from one to three consecutive days per week, \$35.00 per day. More information at www.mainlandfootball.co.nz

Mainland Futsal Holiday Programme

Age: 6-12 year olds.

Dates: 11th, 12th and 13th July 2016

Times: 9.00am - 3.00pm Venue: Cowles Stadium

Cost: \$37.50 per day (\$112.50 for three

consecutive days) 10% discount of second child when

registering two or more siblings.

Mainland Football Outdoors

Age: 7-14 year olds.

Dates: 19th, 20th and 21st July 2016

Times: 9.00am - 3.00pm Venue: English Park

Cost: \$37.50 per day (\$112.50 for three

consecutive days) 10% discount of second child when

registering two or more siblings.

Mini Junior Netball Tournament

Date: 19th and 20th July Time: 10am - 2pm both days

Open to all Year 5, Year 3/4 and Year 1/2 teams/players

\$5 per team, \$1 per individual (not part of a team)

Register on the following

link: http://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/19254

Aguagym Learn to Swim & Coaching ~ July Holiday Courses

Fabulous Instructors

2 Warm all year round

2 Small Classes

BOOK NOW! 459 Cashel St, Phone:381-0299

info@aquagym.co.nz

Anna and Hayley Holiday Clinic 'Netactive'

\$30 per child

Thursday 21st July - Bishopdale YMCA

Age 8-10: 9am – 10.30am

Age 11-12: 9am – 10.30am

Age 13 – 15: 11am – 12.30pm

Register at sporty.co.nz/viewform/14003



Burwood Plunket Rooms 149 Burwood Road Christchurch For more information contact Rose: 03 382 8899





Saturday 16th July - Sunday 17th July 2016 Horncastle Arena, Addington

\$5 Entry, Kids under 2 FREE

The Christchurch Brick Show is back and is one of the biggest LEGO® event of its kind in New Zealand! The Exhibition will showcase fantastic LEGO® fan creations, and is aimed at LEGO® fans of all ages.

www.facebook.com/christchurchbrickshow

