



Rāwhiti School **Newsletter 12: July 2nd 2015**

From the Principal
Kia ora koutou

It is hard to believe that we are already half way through our first year. We thank you once again for your patience, understanding, support and encouragement as we continue to work through the challenges of being in two places. We had hoped to bring you property news, photos and an update before the end of the term, as well a date for an open day on our new site – for reasons beyond our control this will need to wait till the beginning of Term 3.

Rāwhiti School Website

If you haven't had a look at our school website lately then do make some time to check out www.rawhiti.school.nz. While the format is temporary, an increasing amount of information is being posted to this site to keep you up to date. On the front page you can access our latest newsletter and the web calendar of school events. Our hard working PTA have a new link on the front page, and there is also access to a very useful After School Activities resource that has been put together by parents for parents – particularly those new to our area looking to get their children involved in after school sports and clubs.

Another section that may be of interest to you is our 'REaL Toolkit' - our **Rāwhiti Engagement and Learning** toolkit. It's where you will find information on the professional learning our teachers have been doing that may also be of interest to you as parents. There are a number of resources there about Growth Mindsets, which was the theme of our recent staff development day and parent seminar.

Year 6 Parents Meeting

Parents of our current Year 6 students should have received an invitation to the information evening being held on the first Thursday of next term. If yours has not arrived in the mail please contact the school office for details. We believe that being a Full Primary School (Year 0-8) makes Rāwhiti School the ideal option for intermediate aged children because we offer a complete package for children between preschool and high school. Being a Full Primary School means that we offer:

- A caring family environment that enhances personal development.
- Supportive staff who already know your children and care about their progress.
- Quality teaching and learning across the curriculum to prepare your children for the future.
- Leadership opportunities for all children, particularly Year 7 and 8.
- A Year 7 and 8 programme designed to meet the academic and social needs of the emerging adolescent.

The fact that next year we will be moving into brand new facilities designed to support today's teaching and learning is the icing on the cake!

For the rest of this week I'll be in Wellington at the New Zealand Principals' Federation Conference. There are a number of internationally and nationally recognised keynote speakers to inspire and provoke and it is refreshing as a principal to get out of one's patch to learn and network with other principals from across the country. I trust you all enjoy the extended holiday time with your children, I look forward to seeing everyone back safely at the beginning of Term 3.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa
Liz Weir



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

Q2: Aidan, Brooklyn, Sitia, Lilly

Q9/10: Reuben, Liam, Maia, Mason, Annabelle, Sophie, Tara

Q11: Toby, Brooke, Riley S, Audrey

Q5/6: Abe

B5: Ruth

B8: Joel

Calendar of Events



July

- 3 End of Term 2 – Red Socks Day and Westpac Sausage Sizzle
- 19 Term 3 begins
- 23 Year 6 Parents Evening 7pm
- 28 ICAS English Exam
- 30 PTA Meeting 7.30pm

August

- 11 ICAS Maths
- 13 BOT Meeting 6.30pm
- 16 PTA Quiz Night
- 26 PTA Meeting 7.30pm

SCHOOL NOTICES

Red Socks Day – Thank you Westpac

20 years ago one of our greatest New Zealanders did an extraordinary thing. He pulled on a humble pair of red socks and took on the most powerful teams in the world to win one of the oldest and most coveted sporting trophies. 20 years later and those red socks have become a tribute to Sir Peter Blake. No matter what the odds or the competition we face, if we set our sights on a goal, we can achieve it. Today, Sir Peter Blake's red socks have become a remainder of his legacy to dream big, and a celebration of the indomitable kiwi spirit that makes those dreams happen.

Rāwhiti School says a big thank you to Westpac Bank who have given all children in our school a free pair of limited edition, 20th anniversary red socks. All children are encouraged to wear these to school as part of their uniform tomorrow. Westpac will also be providing a sausage sizzle on each base – Beach Base at the 12pm break and QE2 Base during the 1.30pm break.

Computers in Homes

This week our first Computers in Homes group had their graduation. We are pleased to announce that there will be another opportunity for families without access to a computer at home to get involved in this scheme as we can confirm that the programme will be operating at Rawhiti School again in Term 3. This amazing programme provides a computer, computer training and financial assistance with an internet connection. Please check the details further on in this newsletter.



Absence Messages

If for any reason you intend keeping your child away from school please phone 388 9519 and leave a message on our school answering system. We really appreciate when you do this as it really does save our office staff a lot of time when they don't have to make as many phone calls home. We are also noticing a number of children consistently arriving late in the mornings. Please ensure your child arrives at school in plenty of time to set themselves up for a day of learning.

Outstanding Accounts

We still have a number of fees outstanding for Year7/8 Technology payments. These fees pay for the materials and items that your child brings home from technology and they are heavily subsidised by the school. The MOE pays for the cost of transporting your child to the technology centre.

We also have some gymnastic, camp, and winter sports payments that are outstanding.

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.

Reading Cinema Reward Programme

If you are planning on going to see a movie at Reading Cinema over the school holidays (or anytime) your child would of come home with some coupons please present one coupon to Reading Cinema for each movie ticket you purchase. For every 10 tokens that are collected Rawhiti School will get one free movie ticket back in return, which we can then use as prizes for our students. Simple! Thanks for your support with this.

**Kia Ora Tatau, Talofa Lava, Malo e Lelei, Kia Orana, Malo Ni,
Salaam alyk'um, Mandala Gar, Namaste!**

Rāwhiti school has been given the opportunity to participate in Computers in Homes this year. We held our first class last term and it went really well. We are now looking for enrolments for Term 3!!
We have up to 10 spaces available.

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

1. **You will need to attend the free training** at your 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.
2. **To be part of CIH will cost you \$50.** Please pay to the school office (e.g. \$5 per week for 10 weeks).
3. **At the end of the training you will receive** a refurbished computer to take home and a certificate at graduation.
4. **CIH will contribute towards your Internet connection where possible.**
5. **CIH will also provide technical support for 12 months.**

- Please sign up at the school office! -



<http://www.computersinhomes.org.nz/>
sylvsmyth@yahoo.co.nz

Noho ā kura

Kia ora e te whānau. I tērā wiki i noho mātou i te kura. I te Rāapa i haere mātou ki Travis Wetlands, ki Te Whare Taonga hoki. I tērā pō i moe mātou ki ngā akomanga. I te Rāpare i oho moata mātou kia kite i te ata hāpara. I muri mai i tērā i haere mātou mā runga pahi ki te whare pukapuka ki te waiata ki ngā tāngata i reira. Kātahi ka hikoi ki Beach Base. I tērā ahiahi i haere mātou ki Willowbank. Koinā ā mātou mahi i aua rā e rua. Kei runga noa atu!

Wetlands

**Sparkling, green, luscious,
Trees sitting in the wet.**

**Birds flying tree to tree,
Feathers falling from their chest.**

Nā Tui.

- A big thank you to Matua Teoti Jardine, who met us at the wetlands to talk about his tīpuna connections to this important mahinga kai site, and then came to school to mentor us in poetry about this visit.



Te Manaakitanga o Matariki

I tērā Rātū, i haere mātou ki Latimer Square ki te whangai i ngā tangata e kore kainga. I waiata hoki mātou ki a rātou. I haere mātou nā te mea he tino makariri ngā rā. Ā, he kai tētahi kaupapa o Matariki.

Nā Alex



Noho Stay for Ata Hapara Nā ngā tamariki mai i te tau kotahi ki te tau rima.

Last week Ata Hapara was learning about birds because our new name is Ata Hapara, which has meaning around the sunrise and the sound of the birds in the morning . So we had a noho at school to celebrate our name.

First, we went to Travis Wetland. We looked at the ducks, swans, pukeko and other birds. We hunted for feathers, caught small water creatures and looked at birds up close with binoculars.

Afterwards we got on the bus and went to the museum. There, we had lunch under a big tree and ate like birds on branches, then we went inside. We went straight to the bird hall. Once in there we saw heaps of birds: they were stuffed, not alive, and we took lots of pictures of them.

When we came back to school we learnt about kites for Matariki and we painted some. Afterwards we set up our beds and we started to watch The Witches!! It was only a little scary.....We had an awesome dinner of nachos, mac n cheese, fish and chips and ice cream for pudding!!! Bed time was crazy. There was lots of ghost stories, snoring and sneaky lollies.

The next day we woke up early and saw the sunrise, and we had a treat breakfast of chocolate croissants. Before school assembly we went to the library and sang Matariki songs for Annabelle's Preschool and the readers in the library. We watched our classmates dance at school assembly, they were FANTASTIC!!!!!! After lunch we went to Willowbank. We had an amazing time!! We saw little deer, spider monkeys, farm animals, birds and eels. Whaea Lauren even got spat on by a llama. After Willowbank we came back to school and ate some special Matariki cake made by William and Nevaeh's Aunty, it was DELICIOUS!! To top off an amazing few days, we even got our Duffy Books.

We thought the whole noho trip was EXTRAORDINARY!!!!



Community Notices

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, [CLICK ON THIS LINK](#), or call 3885459 or pop into our offices.

July Holiday Programme Places Available

Places are available for these fun filled programmes running for the 1st week of the school holidays: Monday 6th – Friday 10th July. We run two programmes for two school year groups, Years 1-4 and Years 5-9. \$130 per week or WINZ subsidies available to working or studying parents. Activities include Living Springs, Theatre, Inflatable World, Mini Golf, Baking, Sports and more! For enrolments or to find out more visit the website www.yat.org.nz or contact our offices, 111 Seaview Road, New Brighton or call 388 1001.

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 [CLICK ON THIS LINK](#), or pick up a copy of the form from your local school.

MARIAN COLLEGE - ENROLMENT

Enrolments for Marian College close at 1.00pm, **Friday 31 July 2015**. Enrolment forms are available by phoning 385-8449, emailing exec@mariancollege.school.nz or downloaded from our website www.mariancollege.school.nz

Get down to New Brighton Library this holidays!

FREE, No bookings required

Monday 6 July, 2pm - Sharon Holt Storytime

Tuesday 14 July, 10:30am - Twisted traditional tales and nursery rhymes

Friday 10 July, 9:30am-12pm - Science Alive! Mindball

Every weekday, 2pm - Craft & craziness

\$7 per child, Bookings essential - only 12 places available!

Friday 17 July, 10:30am-12:30pm - Back with the future

Bring your family history into the future! Capture a conversation between you and your grandparent/grandchild using old family photographs and the interactive story telling iPad app, Puppetpals, to create an entertaining and enduring animated movie to share with family and friends. No previous iPad experience necessary, just bring along some family photographs and a story to tell.

For grandchildren and their grandparents.

Age: 8-12 years

Phone 941-5140 now to book a place!

New Brighton Library, 213 Marine Parade, Weekdays 9am-6pm & Weekends 10am-4pm
All welcome!

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 8:30am until 12:30pm from the Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street, Christchurch for the following times:

Tuesday, 7th July to Friday, 10th July 2015 (excluding weekends and

Monday, 13th July to Friday, 17th July 2015 (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.

You can phone and make an appointment for the emergency clinic by ringing 0800 846 983.

AFRICAN DRUMMING FOR SMALL PEOPLE With Robert Fugah A school holiday special. We welcome all people, young and old to come together to experience the joy of drumming with master drummer from Ghana, Robert Fugah. Although aimed at meeting the needs of younger people, we welcome people of all ages to join us. The more the merrier. **Friday, 10th July 10.00am - 11.30pm** Chisnallwood Intermediate School, 76 Breezes Road, Avondale. Suggested donation: (\$10.00 per person, \$30.00 per family) *Bookings helpful.* email info@themuse.org.nz or phone 0800THEMUSE (0800 843 687) or find us online at www.themuse.org.nz

FAMILY FUN NIGHT.

PUPPET FESTIVAL.

SAT. JULY 11th, 6.30 sharp till 8 or soon after!

South Brighton Community Centre, Beatty St.

6.30. FARMYARD FUN with LIZ WEIR

7.10pm. Interval. *Learn* how to make *shadow puppets*

Cocoa and cookies on sale

7.35. KATY COMPASS by NATURAL MAGIC.

New shadow show, featuring a brave gang of kids, wicked pirates and endangered parrots!

\$5 at the door. Reserve places on 3889118 or stfaiths1@gmail.com

PUPPET FESTIVAL DAY! JULY 13th

St. Faith's, Hawke St. New Brighton

10am Natural Magic and Lucy Locket

Pre-school puppets, pirates, songs and nursery rhymes . \$3

11am Molly Mouse Makes Mischief. Liz Weir. Pre-school stories & puppets. \$3

12 noon Paper Bag Puppet Workshop, Juliet Neill. \$4

1pm Katy Compass. A brand new shadow puppet show from **Natural Magic**, with wicked pirates, endangered parrots and brave kids! \$3

2pm Shadow Mask workshop with Rowena McGill. \$4

3pm E I E I O! multi-lingual songs & puppets **Oscar Lerma and Miso. \$2**

Tickets at door, or reserve on 3889118/ stfaiths1@gmail.com. Food on sale.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM LEARN TO WEAVE

The Christchurch Guild of Weavers and Spinners are holding a holiday programme for people 8 years and over –learning to weave on a rigid heddle loom.

If you have never tried weaving on a loom before, this would be a great day activity during your holidays.

Tues July 7th , Wed 8th , - Weave a Bag

Wed July 15th , Thurs 16th – Weave a Bag

Thurs July 9th , Tues July 14th – Weave a Scarf

Cost of the day's class is \$25 with all materials provided. Just bring your lunch and lots of enthusiasm.

Time – 930am to 3pm at the Chch Guild Rooms at 11 Tanner Street, Woolston within the Tannery Complex

Enrolments are confirmed with payment.

For information:

text or phone Sue on 0211386141 or

email Gail at gailrussell@xtra.co.nz

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Matariki Celebration Planting

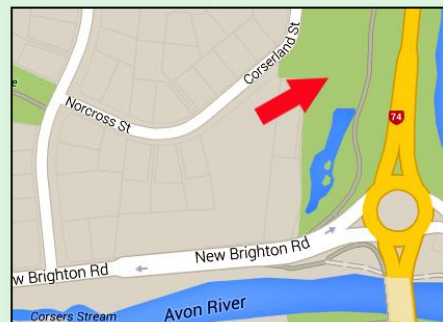
12 Noon, Sunday 5 July

Anzac Drive Reserve
Access from Corserland Street

Part of the Mahinga Kai Exemplar.
Bring spade, gumboots and appropriate clothing.
Kids very welcome, but must be supervised.
We plant rain or shine!



**BBQ &
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Care for the land. Care for the people. Go forward.





Zero fees for under-13s

From 1 July 2015 children under 13:

- are no longer charged a fee for visits at most general practices
- are no longer charged the regular \$5 prescription fee
- have access to zero fees after-hours care.



**TO
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OUT
MORE**



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your GP
or nurse**



**TALK
to your
pharmacist**



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