



Rāwhiti School
Newsletter 17: September 17th 2015

From the Principal
Kia ora koutou

Our last whole school assembly for the term takes place next Thursday at 11am in the Roy Stokes Hall on the Beach Base. We are very much looking forward to the first performance by our kapahaka group - please do join us if you are able to. The Ministry of Education continues to fund the buses we use to transport our children between bases for assemblies, and we are grateful for this continued financial support.

Congratulations to Q8 and Q10 who took out 1st and 2nd places at the Canterbury DigiAwards with their 'Everyday Hero' movies.

Whooping Cough

The number of confirmed Whooping Cough cases continues to grow and I ask that you remain vigilant, especially if you have little ones in the home, people who are already sick or elderly. All information relating to Whooping Cough that we circulate is given to us by the Medical Officer of Health for Canterbury, who is monitoring carefully the number of cases in our community. We are obliged by law to follow all directions that he issues. We are hearing that there are cases of misdiagnosis occurring with initial blood tests proving negative, but positive results coming from subsequent nasal swabs. If you are in any doubt about your child's health please see your GP.

It is essential that you notify the school office immediately if your child has not been immunised. This information is always collected when children enrol at school – but this information has not been transferred to us in the merger process.

Swimming Pool

The Ministry of Education has given its approval for us to begin work on upgrading the swimming pool on our home site in Leaver Terrace. The BOT has committed funds inherited from an insurance payout on the old Freeville School hall, and the PTA has made a huge donation of \$20,000 – which means that we are able to start work on phase one of the redevelopment. This includes work heating the pool, and installing a PVC liner to protect and prevent leaks. We are hopeful that this will all be completed in time for our return home.

2016 Term Dates

There is a requirement that school is open for 384 half days in 2016. The BOT has set the opening and closing dates as follows:

Term 1	Tuesday Feb 2 nd – Friday April 15 th
Term 2	Monday May 2 nd – Friday July 8 th
Term 3	Monday July 25 th – Friday September 23 rd
Term 4	Monday October 10 th - Friday December 16 th

Details about the organisation for the first week of school, including our 'homecoming' celebrations, are being worked on at present and will be available next term. If you have time to take a drive past the building site you will see that they are making great progress with the landscaping, and our feature 'sunrise' over the new school hall is now in place.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa
Liz Weir



These children have shared fantastic work with Liz, Paul or Helen this week.
Room Q7/8: Lila, Muika, Caitlyn, Isla, Lucy
Room Q5/6: Hayley, Jaelim, Harrison, Meg A, Pepper, Maiah, Alyssa, Max
Room Q2: Sitia, Riley S, Lisa, Aidan
Room Q11: Annabelle, Brooke, Madison, Jaden, James
Room Q10: Oakley, Liam, Dexter, Tama, Cadence
Room B9: Rhiannon, Freya

Calendar of Events



September

18 Loud shirt Mufti Day
 20 PTA Quiz Night
 23 Ata Hāpara Hui 3pm - 4pm
 24 Whole School Assembly 11am
 25 End of term

October

12 Term 4 starts
 15 National 'Shake Out' Earthquake Drill

School Notices

A Day at Swannanoa



Some of our Year 7&8 students went on a trip in the mini vans to a little school called Swannanoa. The groups were basketball teams girls & boys, the debaters and the Rāwhiti Learning Crew Committee. After we put our school bags away we watched a debate - our school debaters versus their debate team. Swannanoa chose the topic for the debate – 'That Country Schools are Better than City Schools'. Our team took the negative side – and we won!

Then we watched our girls basketball team play Swannanoa. Our girls played well but Swannanoa won. While they played some Year 7s & 8s set out sooo much food. When it was lunch the Rāwhiti & Swannanoa school committee talked about what we did in our classes and what was different.



After lunch we watched the boys basketball team play the Swannanoa boys team. It was a very exciting game and we won!

Most of us made some friends and Laine made friends with Swannanoa's class pets - two fish called Cleveland Brown & Peter Griffin!

I can't wait for next terms trip back to Swannanoa.

Year 7/8 Skiing Trip

On Monday the 7th of September the Year 7-8 students went to Mount Hutt Ski field for a fun day out!



The ski trip was meant to be for 2nd of September but got postponed because of bad weather.

We had a brilliant time skiing and snow boarding on the slopes and we couldn't have asked for better weather. The sun was shining and the snow was powdery and glistening in the sunlight and blinding to our eyes.



It was terrifying going down the slopes for the first time but after a while it got your adrenaline pumping!

We were also very impressed that most of us managed to get on the chairlift but it was tricky getting off! The bus trip took about two and a half hours each way. We would like to thank Mount Hutt for the skiing and snowboarding lessons and a big BIG thank you to Freshchoice for sponsoring us for the ski trip, thank you very much!

Parent Library Survey 2015

The Library Focus Group is researching what our library space will be like for 2016. We would love your feedback. If you have a couple of minutes free scan the QR code below or use the link. If you do not have computer access a paper version of this survey is available in the office at both bases.

Thanks
Elizabeth K



<http://goo.gl/forms/AeoylGmuQc>

LOUD SHIRT MUFTI DAY - tomorrow Friday 18th September.

This year the theme is animal print. Students are being encouraged to wear their 'loudest' animal print, wild onesie or bright clothes.

All students are asked to make a gold coin donation, which will go towards helping Deaf kids throughout NZ. We are supporting this worthwhile cause as we have seven students in our school who have partial or full hearing loss.

Lost Property

Lost Property will be out in the last week of the term. Please check if any of the items belong to your child. Any unclaimed items will be donated to the City Mission at the end of the Term.

Little Red Riding Hood

If you wish to join in the fun forms for Little Red Riding Hood, Yr 3 – 6 need to be returned by Monday 21st at the latest.

PTA update

Quiz night this Sunday

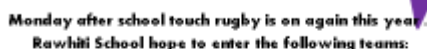
Back by popular demand our second and final quiz of the year takes place this Sunday 20th September at One Good Horse in Parklands.

Just a reminder to all our quizzers to please arrive at 6.30pm on Sunday as the quiz will start at 6.45pm. The quiz is being held in the function room at One Good Horse. Drinks and bar snacks will be available in the function room and you can book into the restaurant earlier if you want to have a full

Personalised stationery orders

Orders need to be in by Tuesday 22nd September. We should receive the products back a few weeks into term 4 - just in time for posting overseas for Christmas! Please email: pta@rawhiti.school.nz or txt Claire on 021 610 609 if you have any questions.

We are still offering discounted early-bird tickets and priority seating to our Rāwhiti School families and friends and will then release tickets to the general public at a higher price. Spare booking forms and envelopes for payment are available in the office at both bases. Get in soon to avoid disappointment!



1. There are 3 registration days. 3:00pm - 4:00pm Fridays September 11, 18 and 25. Registration will be at the office at Beach Base and at the Learning Studio at QE2 Base.
2. The cost is \$40 (about \$2 per game). Payment to be made on registration day. No pay, no play.
3. We welcome beginners.
4. Any offers of coaching/managing very welcome!
5. The competition runs on Mondays after school at Rawhiti Domain, and runs through term 4 of this year and term 1 of next year.
6. Year 1/2 and 3/4 games start at 4:00 pm.
7. Year 5/6 games start at 4:40 pm.
8. Year 7/8 games start at 5:20 pm.
9. The school provides shirts. The children need running or touch shoes, and shorts.

Touch registration

Child's name or names:

Year level eg. Year 6

Parent's name _____

Parent's phone number

Please indicate if you would be able to help coach and ref, and/or manage substitutions from the sideline.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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: Monday, 28th September to 2nd October (excluding weekends) and Monday, 5th October to Thursday, 8th October (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.

Natural Magic Pirates Present " Katy Compass And The Adventurers". An exciting Shadow Puppet Story for kids of all ages at "Antidote" Next to "Switch Cafe " New Brighton Mall, on 6th, 7th, and 9th October at 11am \$2 admission

Mountain Biking Opportunity

If there are any mums interested in mountain biking in Bottle Lake Forest (Coastal ride to Spencer Park - entering at Bower Park) when the weather improves... please contact Megan Walker on 388 2705 / 021547207 or meganwalkerchch@gmail.com. The ride is 10kms round trip - featuring everything from easy terrain to some harder areas. You will need a reasonable level of fitness and bike skill though we won't be leaving anyone behind or going fast it's just a fun ride. Info can be found at: <http://www.ccc.govt.nz/rec-and-sport/cycling-tracks/family-cycling/bottle-lake-forest/>



TRACK & FIELD

New Brighton Olympic Track, Keyes Road New Brighton. OPEN DAY, INFORMATION AND 1ST REGISTRATION DAY SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 1PM-3PM

We will have a little's (4-6yrs old) course set up to have a go!! And a coffee cart

1st CLUB NIGHT & REGISTRATION'S on TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER, 5.20pm (sign in) 5.30pm (warm up) 5.45pm START

NEW & EXISTING FAMILIES ALL WELCOME

JUNIORS 4YRS-14YRS & SENIORS 15YRS PLUS MOST WELCOME

FOR FURTHER INFO CALL LEE-ANN ON (027) 6719157 OR BRONWYN ON 382-2558 OR OUR WEBSITE www.nbo.org.nz

last season's families who may be interested in interclub are welcome to come and join in training Thursday 24th September 530pm-7pm (Registration also)

The Middle Years A six week course for parents with children aged 6-12 years

Build a great family team! Join a Toolbox Parenting Group at **Youth Alive Trust**, New Brighton and discover new ideas and strategies to add to your Parenting Toolbox!!

Starting **Thursday 29th October 2015 7:30pm-9:30pm**

At **111 Seaview Rd, New Brighton, Christchurch**

For more information about the content of The Middle Years Course view this *link* to our Parenting Place website

To register for this course please contact Lynley Garratt **email:** Lynley.garratt@theparentingplace.com or **phone:** 03 355 2680

Special Earthquake Related Subsidy! Due to local funding this course is heavily subsidised, although a donation towards the full costs would be appreciated. Also all courses are FREE to foster carers, whānau caregivers, adopters, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, and Home for Life Parents.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER? Burwood Park Tennis invites you to join us for:



Hotshots is for you! To register contact us at: www.burwoodparktennisclub.kiwi Or email us at: bptcjuniors@gmail.com

Come to the **Community Play** day at Burwood Park (55 Creswell Ave) from 9:30 to 11:30:

Juniors Saturday 29th August,
Saturday 5th September,
Saturday 19th September



October 2015 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Week 1

Wednesday 30th – Friday 2nd October Merit 130pm-230pm

Bronze 3pm-430pm

Week 2

Thursday 8th – Friday 9th October Silver 10.30am-3.30pm

Where: Badminton Hall, 220 Pages Road, Wainoni Cost: \$20 Merit \$30 Bronze \$50 Silver

Bring: Drink bottle, snacks, non-marking shoes

ENROLMENTS & ENQUIRIES: ph 389 8534 EMAIL: office@badmintoncanterbury.com

Enrolments close Monday 28th September

CIRCUS WORKSHOPS

Monday 28th and Wednesday 30th Sept 10 am to 12 noon each day at the Roy Stokes Hall, 146 Seaview Rd, New Brighton. **For children 6yrs to 14 yrs. Cost \$15 per child.**

Children will try out a variety of skills including acrobatics, balance, juggling and aerials.

Booking required - Please email: circustrust@gmail.com

October 2015 Holiday Programme fun!

The October school holidays are approaching fast.... Sport Canterbury have action packed programmes with exciting activities and awesome excursions open for bookings now!

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.

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

GREY GOOSE WING ARCHERY SOCIETY

Stuck for something to do during the School Holiday ??? Try your hand at Archery!

Age 10 and upwards, adults included! Booking is essential, as numbers are limited. Held at: Catholic Cathedral College, off Ferry Road. Cost \$20 per 2 hour session.

Day	Date	Time - am	Time - pm
Tuesday	29 th September	10:30 – 12:30	1:30 – 3:30
Wednesday	30 th September	10:30 – 12:30	1:30 – 3:30
Tuesday	6 th October	10:30 – 12:30	1:30 – 3:30
Thursday	8 th October	10:30 – 12:30	1:30 – 3:30

Please contact: Maria Tucker on 383 8387 or ggwas@outlook.co.nz or www.ggw-archery.weebly.com.
Your coach has many years experience and registered to Archery New Zealand.

Pacific Walk Family Fun Day

Savalivali! Get your fanau and friends together for The **Pacific Walk Family Fun Day**, Saturday 26th September - now at Hoon Hay Park.

Be there at 10am to participate in the 3 km family friendly walk, and stay on for heaps of other activities like tug of war, jump jam, basketball, Volleyball and more.

There will be cultural performances, demonstrations and Pacific Food stalls ... not to mention heaps of give aways & prizes and free fruit and vegetables on the day! No registration necessary.

Find out more on Facebook 'Pacific Walk 2015' or phoning Nicolette on 021 916 107.

Savalivali! Let's Walk!
3km family friendly walk

Saturday, 26th September
10.00am at Hoon Hay Park

Walk with friends & family, enjoy Pacific Island Food & entertainment **PLUS PRIZES.**

- Half way stop with fun activities
- Cultural Performances
- Bring your own mat
- Bus stop at park

Join the "Pacific Walk 2015" Facebook Event!

Your Child's English Reading and Writing are VERY IMPORTANT!



- Do you speak a home language that is not English?
- Are you a New Zealand immigrant or temporary resident?
- Is your child under 7 years old and learning English?

If you answered "yes" to all these questions, then please participate in my doctoral research at the University of Canterbury.

Participants stand a chance to win one of 5 x \$50 gift vouchers.

I am studying parents' home language and thoughts about how their children learn to read and write in English.

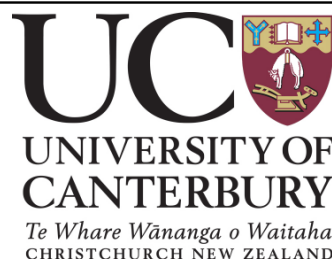
You only need to fill in a questionnaire.

Free reading assessments for children between 4-5 years old.

To participate in the research, please email me for more details or ask your child's teacher to contact me.

Thank you!

Erik du Toit erik.dutoit@pg.canterbury.ac.nz



13 August 2015

Anglican Parish of East Christchurch

Thanksgiving

Celebration Hope

You are cordially invited to
a service of thanksgiving, celebration and hope
on Sunday, 20th. September

at 4.00 pm

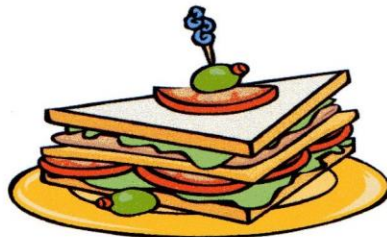
at All Saints' Church

305 New Brighton Road

Blessing of Garden of Hope



Followed by finger food



RSVP to Parish Office: 383 4656

The Breeze Walking Festival returns in 2015, putting a spring in the step of walkers from all over Canterbury.

Running from Saturday 26 September – Saturday 10 October the festival includes 37 free walks over 16 days. Catering to people from all walks of life: from child-friendly jaunts to more challenging treks for the experienced walker. Ideal for pre-schoolers and young children during the school holidays and shake your tail feather as you skip, walk, hop and stomp your way around Travis Wetland to find Perky the Pukeko and friends on the **Pukeko Stomp on Wednesday 7 October from 10.30am to 12pm**. A perfect outing for babies in buggies young walkers and their families, or for young adventurers and explorers scout out hidden delights in the part treasure hunt, part orienteering **All Right? Amble on Sunday the 4th October from 11am to 3pm** in the Botanical Gardens. Collect a stamp at each point and return your map for a prize! The 37 walks take in areas within Christchurch city, the Port Hills, and parts of the Waimakariri and Selwyn Districts, including coastlines, forests, ridgelines, river ways, wetlands, gardens and city streets.

A specific Pukeko Stomp event poster is attached. Can you please print and/or distribute to your families. Or contact me and I can send you posters.

A full Breeze Walking Festival schedule can be found at www.walkingfestival.co.nz

CRAFTY

CARDS

CRAFTS

GAMES

FUN

CARDS

FOOD



Arts & Crafts

****THEME:**

PETS – ST FRANCIS**



WHERE: ALL SAINTS CHURCH LOUNGE,
305 NEW BRIGHTON RD, BURWOOD

WHEN: SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER AT 3.30 PM, DOORS
OPEN AT 3.00PM



IDEAL FOR ALL AGES

CRAFTS, CARDS, GAMES, FOOD AND FUN
****ALL WELCOME**** KOHA

PLATE FOR A SHARED TEA PLEASE ANY ENQUIRIES
PHONE 3834656 OR EMAIL burwood.anglican@xtra.co.nz



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Market Day



**NORTH
BEACH**
Community Childcare Centre

★ **31st October 2015**

10.30am - 1.00pm ★

150a Leaver Tce, North Beach