

## From the Principal

Kia ora koutou

Thanks to everyone who got in behind our Kindness Week initiative last week and supported their children in carrying out random acts of kindness around the school. There was a very positive vibe around the school last week, and such a lot of smiling. The children decorated beautiful Kindness Rocks which have been spread far and wide around the city, and we are really excited to be getting messages from people who have found a Rāwhiti rock.

Of course the most exciting thing that happened was when Flat Man put in an appearance at our Friday assembly, and we were proud to be able to hand over \$443.10 from our mufti day to support the charitable work that he does.

We are really grateful to Erica and Johanna (from Mindful Movers) and our amazing PTA for organising our first ever Kindness Week. The thing for our children to remember is that kindness is contagious, and it is also free, which means that every week can be Kindness Week at Rāwhiti.

### Term 4 Swimming

The swimming pool complex is having a makeover ahead of the swimming season. The pool is set to open on Monday November 20<sup>th</sup>. To kick off the season all Rāwhiti students will have 10 swimming lessons with a professional coach here at school in our own pool. This means there are no unnecessary bus costs transporting children to a public pool, and we don't waste hours of travelling time each day. Children will be ability grouped for these sessions.

Thanks to the QE2 Swim club we have received a grant from the Rata Foundation to support the cost of these lessons. This combined with the recent donation from SURF means that half hour lessons will only cost \$2.50 each. This amount will be added to your last school invoice for the year. Payment can either be made on-line or at the office any time before December 1<sup>st</sup>.

### VisTab Visitor Management System

We are seeking a local business to sponsor the Vistab System for our school. Vistab is an automated health and safety sign in and out system for our pupils, staff, relieving teachers, volunteers, contractors and casual visitors to the school. Vistab replaces the paper visitor books and health and safety paperwork at reception with a touch screen procedure that's easy to use.



In the event of an emergency or an evacuation, Vistab can report from the evacuation assembly point who has come and gone from the school since the roll was last taken. **Can you help?** Your business and branding will be displayed on the front screen of the tablet for all to see. We will recognise the support of your business on our website, in our newsletter and on social media once finalised. We have hundreds of visitors per year that will see your business details and the support you have given to our school.



### **Sun Hats Policy**

We are enforcing our school policy around sun safety, where all children must wear their hats during interval, lunchtimes and when outside playing sports in Term 4. All our children know about this expectation, but that doesn't mean that they like it! Children who are not wearing a hat are required to spend their break time in the shade under the veranda along the front of the building. We do have sunscreen available here at school.

Tomorrow is Athletics Day for Years 5-8, and it is children in these age groups who seem to be most hat-averse. Please help us to promote safe behaviours in the sun.

### **New Play Area**

There is much excitement here ahead of the Tuesday opening of the first of our new play areas. We have one task left to complete and that is to spread mulch around all of the new planting in the area on Saturday morning. Our experts tell us that this should take 6 people about an hour to complete. If you have an hour to donate to the school on Saturday morning please be here at 10am to lend a hand. BYO shovel and wheelbarrow if you have them. If not, don't let that deter you – we have plenty of school equipment we can share around.

### **Ngā mihi nui**

**Liz Weir**

### **Principal Awards**

Rongo-Ma-Tāne: Emma L, Elliot L, Teri, Benji C, Will, Lincoln  
Haumia Tiketike: Layton N

### **Kindness Week Raffle**

Aimee R, Te Whetu, Rylin P, Aka, Jelani, Jack V, Tarliya, Bella-Aroha, Izzy H, Autahi, Xavier L

### **What's coming up?**

#### **November**

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Final day for School Photo Orders
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5 – 8 Athletics – 9.30am
7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6/7 Sailing (Group 1 & 2)
9 <sup>th</sup>	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Assembly 9.15am – 10.30 am
	Scholastic Book Orders Due
15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 – 8 Zone Athletics
17 <sup>th</sup>	School Closed Show Day



## School Notices

### School Photos

The final date for ordering photos through school is Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

You can order your photos online and directly from Heritage Photos after this date.



### Swimming

Swimming starts on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November – the cost is \$25.00 per student. Payment is required by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Please contact the school office if you wish to discuss this.

### Year 6 – 7 Sailing



The Year 6 and 7 students who are attending Rāwhiti School in 2018 have sailing coming up. Payment is \$8.00 per student. Groups 1 & 2 will be going on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. The remaining groups are sailing in December.

### Technicraft

Fees for our Year 7 & 8 students are due. This cost covers materials your child uses to make and bake things at Technicraft. We appreciate your support in covering this cost. The cost is \$11.30 per term or \$45.00 for the full year.

### Year 7/8 Camp and Adrenalin Forest

The cost of the Year 7/8 camp to Spencer Park is \$40.00 per student. On your account today you will also see Adrenalin Forest for \$22.00 per student. This has been added only if your child has indicated they are keen to be part of this. Full payment needs to be received for Adrenalin Forest to allow them to participate. Both payments are due by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

### Junior Athletics (Year 1 – 4)

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November from 1.00pm. Parents and friends of Rāwhiti School are welcome to come along.



### Māori Whānau Hui

We invite all whānau Māori to our Rāwhiti Whānau Hui on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November in the Library/Staffroom. Kai will be provided at 5.30pm followed by Hui. The purpose of this hui is to discuss the benefits of bilingualism, our school wide kaupapa for 2018 and where we have got to since our last hui. Haere mai ki te whakatakoto i ō whakaaro. Please rsvp to [helen@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:helen@rawhiti.school.nz).

### Year 4-6 & Year 7-8 Discos

Tangaroa are organising a disco for the middle and senior students on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Tickets \$2 will be on sale from next week. Snacks, drinks etc will be available to purchase on the night.

Year 4-6	5-6pm
Year 7-8	6:30-7:30pm



## Wattie's Cans for Good

Last week some students donated cans as part of kindness week. We are continuing to collect more canned goods this week as part of the Wattie's Cans for Good promotion in conjunction with the Salvation Army. If you would like to donate a can, we have a box in the office area where these can be placed. All cans collected will be donated to Salvation Army foodbanks – restocking shelves in the high demand period leading up to Christmas.



## Kindness Week Action

Last week we were painting rocks, sending friendly messages to secret buddies, practising our Rāwhiti Sunrise Salute dance routine and giving out special raffle tickets to celebrate Kindness Week. Apart from being extra nice to each other it was a chance to test our mindfulness skills and keep calm and friendly for a whole week. On Friday we finished of the week with a superhero mufti day and a visit from Flat-Man, the superhero who supports Kindness. It was cool to see everyone being so excited about being kind.

By Zoe L







## PTA NEWS

### Quiz Night Thanks

At our quiz night on Sunday we raised over \$3000 which was a fantastic result, and all funds will be going towards new playground equipment at the school. Thanks so much to everyone who came along on the night.

The school and PTA are also lucky enough to have the generous support of a number of businesses who have been kind enough to give us goods and services and vouchers throughout the year. Each time this happens it helps us to achieve our fundraising goals that much more easily. We've set up a special page on our Blog that lists all the businesses that have supported us this year. Please click their links, visit their stores and say thanks from us!

Here it is: <http://www.rawhitipta.org.nz/our-supporters.html>

### More Mindfulness Sessions

We are lucky enough to be able to offer some more FREE Mindfulness sessions to our parents/caregivers from the wonderful Johanna & Erica from Mindful Movers.

Here are the dates and sessions:

### Parent & Child Evening Session - Monday 13 November, 6.30pm in the school hall.

This is a chance for all our working mums and dads to come along and experience a gentle and fun mindfulness session with their child. The session will run for one hour and is a really great way to take a break and connect with your kid. The feedback from earlier sessions have been fantastic. Maximum of approx 10 pairs.

### **Restorative Mindfulness (adult only) - Tuesday 14 November 9.00am in the school hall.**

Restorative is a gentle way of stretching that focuses on recharging and relaxing in which poses are held for a bit longer in order to really just enjoy being present and relaxed. Often the poses require less physical exertion and sometimes blocks or straps are used to assist in your ability to really let go and relax in the posture. Again this is a one hour session and the session can hold up to 25 people.

For both of these sessions you will need to register by filling in the form at the office and please leave your contact details so we can contact you if we fail to get enough numbers. I would encourage, however, everyone to have a go even if you're a bit nervous. It's nothing too daunting and we're so lucky that we can offer these free to you to enjoy. Any questions feel free to email [pta@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:pta@rawhiti.school.nz).

### **Thank You**

Special Thanks to the Harcourts Foundation for their very kind grant of \$2500. This money will go towards new playground markings.



### **Community Notices**

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

### **Imagination Station**

New Brighton Pop-Up open now in Carnaby Lane New Brighton.

Fridays – Mondays plus every day of the school holidays – 9.30am – 5.30pm  
Masses of Lego and Duplo to get creative.

Birthday Parties available Saturdays and Sundays and some exciting new classes.





### **Canterbury Kings + Canterbury Magician Cricket Teams**

Come along to Hagley Oval November 12<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 1.00pm and meet your favourite Canterbury Cricket Player. BBQ, drinks as well as photos and autographs. This event will be on wet or dry.

All you have to do to get involved in this cricket frenzy is fill out the brief registration on this link: <http://www.canterburykings.co.nz/fanday/> and you will automatically win a free family pass (2 adults 3 children) to one of our first three Canterbury Kings games at Hagley Oval.

### **Fireworks Display – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

It's that time of year again for the New Brighton Pier fireworks. Road blocks will be in place from 6.00pm so make yourself aware of what's happening and enjoy the show.



# TERM DATES 2018

Term 1: 30<sup>th</sup> January- Goal Setting Day

31<sup>st</sup> January – Classes begin

30<sup>th</sup> March Easter Weekend

13<sup>th</sup> April – Term 1 finishes

Term 2: 30<sup>th</sup> April – Term 2 starts

6<sup>th</sup> July – Term 2 finishes

Term 3: 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Term 3 starts

28<sup>th</sup> September – Term 3 finishes

Term 4 15<sup>th</sup> October – Term 4 starts

14<sup>th</sup> December – Term 4 finishes