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From the Principal



Kia ora koutou

There's never any down time in a school. This week our Year 7 & 8's have had a ski day at Mt Hutt, the Year 4's have had an overnight stay at school and a trip to Orana Park, we had our Starting Rāwhiti School party for children turning 5, the PTA are in full swing preparing for Boogie Wonderland on Saturday night, and to top it all off, this week is Te Wiki o te reo Māori (Māori Language Week).



Included in this newsletter is a graphic showing you how to order your morning coffee in te reo Māori and I challenge all regular users of the coffee cart on Friday mornings to try ordering in te reo.

He (can I have a) Mōwai (flat white) koa (please). Give it a go!

Pool Donation

We have received a \$1000 donation from S.U.R.F. Community Trust, New Brighton (Strategic Urban Rejuvenation Force). You may be aware that they had made efforts to try and save the Central New Brighton Pool for the community to use until the new facility at QEII is opened. Unfortunately, the logistics involved meant that the project was deemed unfeasible. The funds that were raised at community fundraising events have been gifted to local schools to be used towards something swimming-related.

In Term 4 we will be working with the QEII Swim Club to provide all children with affordable, professional swimming lessons during school time, in our own lovely warm pool. The donation from SURF will subsidise these costs. Thank you SURF for supporting our school swimming programme.

2018

It may be hard to believe, but planning for 2018 is now underway. We have begun by looking at our predicted numbers and examining the possibilities and practicalities of school organisation. I'm sure you can appreciate that this is a complex task in a school of our size. We must take into consideration what our staffing allocation from the MOE will be and then we look at the numbers associated with each year group, before we start looking at the details of Key Teacher allocation and studio placements. To this end, it would be greatly appreciated if you could advise the office if you are intending to move your child/ren away from Rāwhiti School next year. Knowing the number of expected leavers means that we can make provision for this and plan accordingly. Please email admin@rawhiti.school.nz if this applies to you. This does not apply to our Year 8 leavers, or Year 6 children who have already returned their form indicating their 2018 intentions. Year 6 children have until tomorrow to return their intentions form. Many thanks.

Driver Behaviour

Last week we had a visit from the Christchurch City Council 'Chaos at the School Gate' team, who monitor driver behaviour around schools. Their visit was the result of a complaint made to the CCC by a parent from our community, and I would like to thank that person, whoever you are, for making our children's safety a high priority. With a major landscaping project underway the driveway into the staff





carpark is a very busy place, with trucks and deliveries daily, and yet we still have parents trying to use the driveway and car park as a pick up and drop off zone. In doing so they endanger our children on a daily basis. Health and Safety is everyone's responsibility.

Lost Property

As the weather gradually warms up children tend to shed layers of clothing during break time, and the Lost Property box is full to over flowing. Our office staff have kindly returned any named items – but anything unnamed remains in the box. This week we have been able to return a couple of named scooters that have been missing for quite a while. Two more unnamed scooters have turned up, so check the lost property area if you are missing one.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa Liz Weir

Principal Awards

Rongo-Ma-Tāne: Luka, Connor H, Jed, Cooper, Noah S, Addison, Jessica,

Kenadie, Declan, Jayde, Archer, Zara, Aria, Azaliah, Will

Ata Hapara West, Kahurangi, Miriam, Jade

What's coming up?

19th – 21st September Koru Games Year 7 & 8

21st Mufti Day – gold coin donation for 12 Chairs for the

Children's Ward

22nd Duffy Role Model Assembly - 1.30pm 23rd Election Day you can vote in our school hall

25th Haumia Tiketike Zoofari Day Out

Ata Hapara – Zoofari Day Out (you will have been informed which children)

27th Market Day 2:00pm-3:30pm support 12 Chairs for the Children's Ward

26th Icey Slicey Day – 12 Chairs for the Children's Ward

29th PTA Sausage Sizzle

School Notices

Talent Ouest

Our seniors are running a talent quest, for all ages, at the beginning of Term 4. You can enter by completing the entry form available in your classroom or come down to Tangaora and talk with Kane who will answer any questions. All talents are welcome, singing, dancing, magic tricks or other talents you may have. Groups or individuals - don't be shy - come and join in the fun and share your talents with the school. Parents you are welcome to come along and watch – every lunch time from $16^{\rm th}$ October – $27^{\rm th}$ October at $2.00 \, \rm pm$.

Duffy Books in Schools Role Model Assembly

On Friday 22nd September at 1.30pm we will be hosting Chris Lam Sam. Chris is one of New Zealand's most versatile award winning creatives. Chris enjoyed a music filled childhood while growing up in the northern hills of Wellington. On any given day, in any part of the country, you might see Chris working under the brim of one of his many hats: entertainer, composer, writer and children's book author. Chris is looking forward to talking to you about books and reading.

Missing

Could you please check if your child may have bought any of these items home and if so return them to school.

Tamaroa has lost his scooter. It has his name on it.

Maddy has lost her school polofleece. It has her name sewn on the inside of the collar.

Willow has lost her skateboard. It is homemade and has the name Karl Thompson painted on the bottom of it.

Thank you.



Election Day Voting

Our school hall will be available for voting on Election Day – September 23rd.

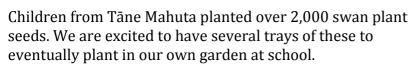
Koru Games

A reminder that the Koru Games cost of \$40.00 must be paid in full by Monday 18th September to allow your child to participate.

Tāne Mahuta supporting Monarch Butterflies at Rāwhiti Domain



Rāwhiti Domain is a winter-over habitat for the Monarch butterfly but the food supply has been depleted with the loss of residential houses and their gardens - this has affected the population numbers.





Year 4 Sleepover

Staff from both Tāne Mahuta and Tāwhirimatea would like to thank the parents who stayed over at the Year 4 Sleepover on Tuesday night and also supported them at Orana Park on Wednesday. They appreciate your help very much and without it would not have been able to give the children this experience.













Haumia-tiketike Studio have taken on the challenge to raise enough money to buy a chair to go to the Children's Ward at the hospital by supporting the charity

12 Chairs for the Children's Ward. Each chair costs \$1600.00.

This chair is able to be transformed into a bed so that parents can sleep alongside their sick child in hospital. Please support us in our journey to Give Back and provide comfort to parents when their children need them the most. Some events that are coming up:

21st September - Mufti day gold coin donation

26th September - Icy Slicey Day - order on the form below

27th September - Market Day at 2pm, in the Rāwhiti School Hall.

Students have been very busy making crafts to sell at the market and there will be food for sale. You may wish to make a donation which will be accepted by eftpos or cash in the school office or on online.

If you are making an online donation please add HTT 12 chairs as the reference.

ICY SLICEY ORDER FORM - \$1.50 Each

Return to the school office By Tuesday 25th September.

Room:
Room:



I have enclosed \$ 1.50 per student order. Please put money into a sealed envelope ensuring your child's name is on the front and **return to the school office by 3.00pm Tuesday 25th September**.

PTA Update

Parsley and a Plate?

We've all but sold out our tickets to our Boogie Wonderland 70s Night this Saturday, which is fantastic! We are really hoping to have a cracking night of dancing and laughter but also we are keen to raise some serious money for the school. The money that we are raising this year will be going towards new playground equipment, and we're talking with the school already about some exciting options.

If you are unable to come on Saturday night but might still like to contribute we are still looking for a few more plates of food to serve as our supper. If you make a mean club sandwich, or cheese rolls, or anything deliciously 'old-school' we'd happily accept your contribution. We can even pick up from you on Saturday.

Parsley!! Also we'd love to 'decorate' all our lovely food offerings with some traditional super-curly parsley. I'm too modern and only have Italian Parsley in my garden, lol. If you do have the curly kind and can donate some to our cause please let me know. Just email pta@rawhiti.school.nz or text Steph on 021-136-5391. Thanks!!

Mindfulness Sessions - Term 4

The lovely Erica and Johanna from Mindful Movers are going to do some more mindfulness sessions in Term 4. These are free for Rāwhiti School whanau and are a fantastic opportunity to relax, breathe and connect.

In November we will offer an early evening Parent & Child session on a Monday 13th November (great for working parents who were unable to come to the morning sessions!) and then on Tuesday 14th at 9.15am we will have a Restorative session for parents/caregivers only.

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.

If you are keen in either (or both) of these sessions do please email pta@rawhiti.school.nz to put your name on the list. We will also have a registration form at the office in Term 4 and more reminders then. (I am aware this is quite a long way away but wanted to get organised)

Community Notices

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

Amplify Music Lessons

Available for Year 5 – Year 13 student's weekly individual or group lessons afterschool Monday – Friday. No experience required. Online enrolments http://amplify.mymusicstaff.com/Enrolments

Summer Social Basketball 3 x 3.

Starting at Rāwhiti School October 24th – December 5th. From 3.30 – 6.00pm Tuesdays. New games start every 15 minutes – 2 games per team every afternoon. Contact Youth Alive to register.

Trains running again - Friday 15th September

From Friday 15th September trains will begin running again day and night. This is the first time they have been running since the November 2017 earthquake in Kaikoura. Please be aware around railway crossings, slow down when approaching one, do not walk on the lines and obey signs and signals.

Some more Photos of what's been happening at Rāwhiti School this week.



















Ngā rārangi kōrero

Mōrena/ ta mārie

Good morning

Ngā mihi o

Good afternoon





0 E pēhea ana tō rā? How's your day going?

0 Hei heri atu Takeaway

0 Ki konei koa Have here thanks

Tī kākāriki

Green tea

Tī hīoi

Peppermint

tea

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Wai wera

Hot water

Size Rahi



Paku Waenga



Pronunciation

TE

REO KAWHE

Whakahuatanga

Vowels Oropuare

There are five vowel sounds in Māori. They can be pronounced 'short' or 'long'. The long vowel is marked with a macron, e.g. ā.

Where two different vowels appear together they retain their basic sound and run together.

a as in cup e as in egg i as in eat o as in for

u as in to

ā as in car ē as in measure ī as in heel ō as in your ū as in roof

Consonants Orokati

There are 10 consonants, they are: h, k, m, n, ng, p, r, t, w, wh.

ng as in winger, wh as in film r is rolled as in udder or puddle.

Terms

Ngā kupu



Hāwhe hōta Half shot



Double shot

Kawhe kutē

Espresso

Rate Latte

Rate pīni Soy latte

Amerikano Americano

Kaputino Cappuccino

> Moka Mocha

Tiakarete wera Hot chocolate

Tea Tī

Kaputī Cup of tea

Tī Ingarihi English Breakfast tea

Wai makariri Cold water

Milk Miraka

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Huka

Sugar

Miraka kore kirīmi Trim milk

Miraka kirīmi Full cream milk

Miraka pīni Soy milk







