

Newsletter 16: 28 September 2017

From the Principal



Kia ora koutou

Playing Our Part

This term our learning has been based in the Social Studies Curriculum, with children unpacking how they can be a good citizen and exploring the part they can play in making life better for others.

Yesterday we saw the stunning culmination of this learning, with the Year 2 and 3 children from Haumia-tiketike organising a craft market afternoon to raise money to support the '12 Chairs' project for the Children's Ward at Christchurch Hospital. The chairs convert to beds and are much needed for the ward to be able to accommodate parents needing to stay in hospital with their little ones.

Haumia-tiketike set themselves a hefty target – committing \$1600 to the campaign, which would purchase one of these unique chairs. The children spent weeks creating items for sale. Each child I spoke to knew exactly what they were putting their efforts into and could tell me how it would benefit others rather than themselves. They knew that the little bit they raised from selling their individual items would contribute to the overall total raised. They all had fingers crossed that our community would play their part and come along to support the market. And you did. At the end of the afternoon the children had raised over \$2000. But wait, there's more. Throughout the term the children had run a mufti day, and Icey Slice fundraiser, and held a Spellathon in their studio. When they add these funds raised from these ventures to the market day takings, they have \$3200 in total. Exactly enough to purchase two chairs.

We are so proud of what our children have achieved. They set a goal and the integrity to stick to it, even when it seemed unattainable. They were resilient and kept trying new ways to raise the funds they had committed to providing. They were driven by empathy, and understanding that others have difficult circumstances to overcome and they could help.

We hope now that no one in our Rāwhiti School community ever has to use these chairs.

Wellbeing Project

You will have read in previous newsletters about the Kathleen Liberty wellbeing initiatives we have started to implement at Rāwhiti School this year. These include Play First, Lunch eating together inside, and the Drink to Think programme. Each of these strategies plays a part in helping calm children's brains and better prepare them for learning.

Next term there will be two opportunities here at school for parents to learn more about Kathleen Liberty's research work into the impact that the Canterbury earthquakes have had on children's brain development. On Wednesday 25 October we will be hosting an information session at 9am, and again at 7pm for those who work during the day. Please diary this date and RSVP to the school office so that we have numbers for catering.

Landscaping Project

The new play and explore area is nearing completion and is expected to be in use early next term. We are going to need help in the last weekend of the school holidays to get the area planted and the mulch spread. We are doing this work ourselves to keep the cost of the project manageable. Please set aside a couple of hours to help out on Saturday October 14th, and keep an eye on our Facebook page for details. Postponement date is Sunday October 15th



Enjoy the holiday break. We look forward to seeing all of the children back with us safely, ready for the downhill race towards Christmas.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa
Liz Weir

Principal Awards

Rongo-Ma-Tāne: Charlie B, Joel, Zara, George, Emilie F, George B, Hunter M, Aaliyah C, Samara, Paige, Aria, Kenadie, Caily W, Jessica, Lincoln, Lachlan, Elliot, Emma, Saphy.

What's coming up?

29 th September	PTA Sausage Sizzle
29 th September	End of Term
14 th October	Working Bee



School Notices

Working Bee – Saturday 14th October

Are you able to spare an hour or part of your day to help with some gardening jobs? The new play area will be ready for the plants to go in and our bike track needs the last bit of landscaping completed.

We would love for you and your families to come and give us a hand with moving soil, planting, mulching and gardening to finish off these spaces for our students to enjoy. If you can bring tools, that would be a great help; however, we will have some tools here and many jobs just need a willing hand.

If you are able to spare some time, we would really appreciate the help.

Talent Quest

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 16th October – 27th October at 2.00pm.

PTA Update

Boogie Wonderland Thanks

Volunteers are the best, aren't they? We would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time and services to making Boogie Wonderland such a success. Instead of naming everyone here I would like highlight all the many, many tasks that were undertaken by our wonderful team of volunteers with this word art image. All these jobs completed - pat yourself on the back please!

We also want to give a massive shout-out and THANK YOU to the amazing DnD Showband who provided a phenomenal show for us on Saturday night. Three sets of the best music from the 1970s, including ABBA, Blondie, Fleetwood Mac, Sister Sledge, Village People and much much more. And each with full costume changes. They



really MADE the night, be sure to check out their website (www.dndshowband.com) to see where they will be performing next or if you are planning your own event they would be a good choice.

Finally thank you to everyone who came along on the night. We were absolutely blown away by the support and by the amount of effort everybody put into their costumes and dance moves. It was inspiring to be surrounded by such a bunch of positive, happy people. It really was a blast.

We haven't done a final official count up of the funds raised but we do know that we met our targets (improving a bit on last year) and we'll be adding the profits to our fundraising goal of getting some awesome new playground equipment for the kids at the school.

Quiz Night - Sunday 29 October

We're going to holding a quiz night at One Good Horse, Parklands on Sunday 27 October from 7pm (doors open 6.30).

You can book a table for \$60 for a team of six by emailing pta@rawhiti.school.nz.

We have already got a good number of prizes for our famous raffle on the night and we're hoping to run a silent auction as well.

Which reminds me...

If you work at, or know, a business that would like to support us by donating a prize or a voucher we'd really love to hear from you. We've got exciting plans for new playground equipment at the school and as you can imagine any support is much appreciated to help us reach our fundraising goal.

Rāwhiti PTA is a NZ Registered Charity so donations are tax deductible. Also we will acknowledge all business support via social media (with links), through signage and flyers in the night and of course within this newsletter.

Contact Steph on 021-136-5391 or pta@rawhiti.school.nz if you can help us out.

Reminder

Term 4 is Sun hat time children must wear school hats in Term 4 and Term 1, we have plenty of hats in stock at the office \$12.50.

Sunscreen is provided in class, but maybe a little reminder to put sunscreen on your child at home.

Hats are to be worn at school - school uniform ones not caps.

Community Notices

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

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 8:45am until 12:30pm from the Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street, Christchurch for the following times: Tuesday, 3rd October to Friday, 6th October 2017 (excluding weekends) and Monday, 9th October to Friday, 13th October 2017 (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.

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>

Parenting and stress

Find out how to look after yourself and your children's wellbeing when life is busy, or times are tough .Fri 3rd Nov - 7pm St Peter's Parish Centre 11 Fisher Ave, Beckenham

Emotions, outbursts and differences

If you have a child with ADHD, Autism, dyspraxia, Asperger's or high levels of anger and anxiety, get tips to help them feel good and be at their best. Mon 6th Nov - 7pm St Peter's Parish Centre 11 Fisher Ave, Beckenham

Blended families

Why is this not working out like The Sound of Music? How to support yourself, your partner, your children and their children Mon 13th Nov - 7pm St Peter's Parish Centre 11 Fisher Ave, Beckenham

These seminars are free, but to book your spot (just for numbers) email Anna: annamowat@xtra.co.nz or phone 021 712 173

Active Kids Holiday Programmes

Registrations now open for October School Holidays– book online!

Week 1 – Mon 2nd – Fri 6th October *LINCOLN *WESTBURN *PAPANUI

Week 2 – Mon 9th– Fri 13th October *CHCH BOYS HIGH *ROLLESTON

- Join us for a week of action packed fun and adventure
- Delivered by enthusiastic, fully trained staff
- OSCAR approved; WINZ subsidies apply

P 03 373 50 60

E activekids@sportcanterbury.org.nz

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HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Mainland Futsal Holiday Programmes

OCTOBER: Age: 6-14 year olds

Dates: 2nd, 3rd & 4th October 2017 (WEEK 1) 11th, 12th & 13th October 2017 (WEEK 2)

Times: 9.00am – 3.00pm

Venue: St Thomas's of Canterbury College (WEEK 1) Cowles Stadium (WEEK 2)

Cost: \$37.50 per day (\$112.50 for three consecutive days) 10% discount of second child when registering two or more siblings.

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Mainland Outdoor Holiday Programmes

OCTOBER: Age: 7-14 year olds

Dates: 5th & 6th October 2017 (WEEK 1) 9th & 10th October 2017 (WEEK 2)

Times: 9.00am – 3.00pm **Venue:** English Park

Cost: \$37.50 per day (\$75.00 for two consecutive days) 10% discount of second child when registering two or more siblings. **GIRLS ONLY Outdoor Holiday Programmes Age:** 7-14 year olds

Dates: 9th & 10th October 2017 (WEEK 2)

Times: 9.00am – 3.00pm

Venue: English Park


Cost: \$37.50 per day (\$75.00 for two consecutive days) 10% discount of second child when registering two or more siblings. Keen to play? [Click here to register](#)

Bishopdale YMCA

Thursday 12th October 12 noon – 3pm \$20 per person

To register use the following link: <http://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/54020>


Christchurch Circus Trust Presents



A CIRCUS EVENT FOR EVERYONE
Friday 6th October
10:30 am to 1pm
Roy Stokes Hall, 152 Seaview Rd, New Brighton

"Circus - Have a Go - Plus a Show"
Come along to our fundraiser and try out: trapeze, globe, juggling, tightwire and more. Then be entertained by a performance from our talented circus team.

Entry by donation: \$5 - \$10 recommended



Free Family Movie Night
Saturday 30th September

Bring your own dinner from 5.45pm
Movie starts at 6.30pm

180 Queenspark Drive
Bring a bean bag or use our comfy chairs!

WELL DONE JACK

We are super proud of Jack F after three years of dedication Jack entered his first snowboard competition. Jack came second in the under 10's, super groms, category in the NZSki.com Mt Hutt Banked Slalom.

Please find below some images.



CHINESE TRADITIONAL GAMES – DIABOLO (YOYO) & SHUTTLECOCK

Come and learn about these Chinese traditional games through hands on use. Get to learn game techniques through video and using both a diabolo and shuttlecock. Plus make your own shuttlecock to take home.

Sessions are 90 minutes in length.

Age group: 7 to 12 years old

Sessions:

Morning: 10am to 11.30am

Afternoon: 1pm to 2.30pm

Venues:

Aranui Library Wed 4th October (note: morning session is full)

Linwood Library Tues 10th October

Shirley Library Thurs 12th October

CONTEMPORARY MĀORI POHA

Make your own contemporary poha while learning about traditional Māori storage containers through video, Kahoot quiz and experiencing a real poha up close.

Sessions are 90 minutes in length.

Age group: 9 to 12 years old

Sessions:

Morning: 10am to 11.30am

Afternoon: 1pm to 2.30pm

Venues:

Matuku Takotako (Sumner) Library Tues 3rd October

Ōrauwhata (Bishopdale) Library Thurs 5th October

Karoro (New Brighton) Library Wed 11th October (note: morning session is full)

KIDS FUN MORNINGS THESE HOLIDAYS

Games Adventures Crafts Prizes Morning Tea and More!

\$3 per family

Tuesday Oct 3rd, 9.30am -12pm (St Lukes Church, 212 Pine Ave, South New Brighton)

Thursday Oct 5th, 9.30am -12pm (St Andrews Church, 109 Marriotts Road, North New Brighton)

Tuesday Oct 10th, 9.30am -12pm (All Saints Church, 306 New Brighton Road, Burwood)

Thursday Oct 12th, 9.30am -2pm Family Fun Day \$7 per child. Parents welcome to join us. (Tram trip, Imagination Station, Botanical Gardens)

Meet at All Saints Church, 306 New Brighton Road, Burwood

Book now by texting: 020 41341681

Or email kids@tewakaaroa.org.nz

Chisnallwood's 50th Jubilee October 25th-27th October

The 50th jubilee year will culminate in a weekend of events including a meet and greet social function, decade and group photos and a family day where current pupils and staff will showcase the school.

Friday Night 6.30pm Welcome event at Chisnallwood. \$40.00 pp Saturday 11.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

Community/Family day at Chisnallwood. Free entry but please bring money for the Sausage/Burger sizzle and Devonshire tea's. Tickets are available at <https://chisnallwoodjubilee.eventbrite.co.nz>

Eastern Kids Biketober day!

Fancy learning some new skills on your bike these holidays?
Come along and have a ride at Rāwhiti School- bring
your own bike or have a turn with one supplied!

*Cycle safety, new skills
and fun games!*

All welcome year 1-8

Thursday 5th October 2017! 10.00am - 1.00pm

Rāwhiti School Cycle Track - 150 Leaver Terrace

For more information and to register please visit

<http://www.easterncommunity.co.nz/programme/eastern-kids-biketober-day>

Gold coin donation appreciated!



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