

Newsletter 12: 03 August 2017

From The Deputy Principals

Kia ora koutou

It has been a busy two weeks back at school. As usual there is lots happening.



Staff Update

During the holidays Tania Luke resigned from her teaching position in the release team. She has accepted a position as the Children and Families Coordinator with Papanui Baptist Church. It is a new role that has been set up to revitalise the children's programmes. We wish Tania all the very best for this exciting new challenge.

Sadly, Alice Donohue passed away in the weekend. Alice had a long association with North New Brighton School as a student herself, as a parent and grandparent. She will be familiar to you as the lovely lady who ran the breakfast club in Rongo ma Tane on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and was often seen chatting and reading with children. We will miss seeing her scooter parked up and her friendly smile.

School Hours

Many of our teachers make an early start to the day as they find the uninterrupted time before school valuable for working on their planning and assessment tasks, or squeezing in additional meetings. We have a number of children who are being dropped at school as early as 7am, and a steady stream of arrivals from 7.30am. If you are choosing to drop your children at school this early, please be aware that we are not responsible for them at this hour and cannot provide supervision for them. From 8.30am all teachers are 'on duty' and available to children and parents.

Winter Tournament

Earlier this week, our Year 5-8 Winter Sport teams represented Rāwhiti at the Eastern Zones Winter Tournament. We are so proud of the way everyone played and represented our school. Congratulations to our rugby team and our two hockey teams who will represent the Eastern Zone at the Canterbury Tournament later this month.

Strum Strike Blow

Last night our keen ukulele players joined with 34 other schools to be part of the Strum Strike Blow concert at Horncastle Arena. Strum, Strike and Blow is an amalgamation of the ChCh Marimba Festival and ChCh Uke Fest which features hundreds of students playing marimbas, ukuleles and recorders. Well done to our students who represented Rāwhiti and who have worked so hard practicing for this event.



Nga mihi nui

Helen Parata & Paul Wilkinson



Principal Awards

Rongo-ma-tane: Addison, Noah S, Noah B, Jessica, Aria, Lily



What's coming up?

Aug 4 th	Year 5-8 Winter Sport	
Aug 7 th , 9 th , 10 th	Year 4-8 Learning Conferences	
Aug 10 th	Hearing & Vision testing	
Aug 10 th	Scholastic Book Orders due	
Aug 11 th	Kids Can Crazy Mufti Day	
Aug 11 th	Year 5-8 Winter Sport	
Aug 15 th	ICAS Maths	
Aug 16 th	Cultural Festival	6.45pm
Aug 17 th	Year 7-8 Information sessions:	3.30pm or 6.30pm

School Notices

Learning Conversations Next Week

Bookings for the Year 4-8 Learning Conversations are now open. You can make a booking by visiting www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and log in using the code: **kxp2j**. If you do not have access to the internet, the office can help with bookings.

Select the time you want for a learning conversation with your child. There will be other families in the classroom at the same time and teachers will be available. The focus of these conversations is learning and achievement. Children and teachers will be able to talk with you about their learning and their next learning steps. You will also receive your child's Interim Report at this time.

If you have other concerns or need more time with an individual teacher, we ask you to make another appointment directly with the teacher.

Year 1-3 children who are reaching an anniversary will have a learning conversation at the end of this term. The teachers will contact you directly closer to the time if this involves your child.

KidsCan Mufti Day

We are really excited to support the first ever 'Get a little crazy for KidsCan Day on Friday, 11th August! Gold coin donation. KidsCan supports our school by providing us with food for lunches (scroggin, muesli bars & fruit pottles), clothing and health care products.

Chuck on your craziest wig, wear your most colourful or 'out there' clothes - however you want to get crazy on 'Get a little crazy for KidsCan Day is totally up to you. The best part is anyone can get a little crazy!

What really matters is that you will be helping to fundraise for Kiwi kids in need.



Out of Zone Ballot

The ballot for Out of Zone children, who wish to enrol for Term 4, closes on 9th August. Please call into the office for an enrolment form.

Year 7-8 Information sessions

We are very aware that this is the time of year parents of our Year 6 children make decisions about where to send their child for Year 7 and 8. We believe that being a Full Primary School (Year 0-8) makes Rāwhiti School the ideal option because we offer a complete package for children between preschool and high school. We will be holding an information evening for parents of our current Year 6 students at which we will outline the options and programmes available at Rāwhiti School for Year 7 and 8 students. Please join us at either 3.30pm or 6.30pm in Tangaroa studio, on Thursday 17th August to hear about some of the initiatives that have been introduced and talk about plans still in development.

Parent & Child Mindfulness Session

Yesterday the Mindful Mover team ran two parent and child mindfulness workshops. This was a great opportunity for parents and children to have time together in a fun and relaxing environment, and to learn some activities they can practice at home. Thank you to the PTA for organizing this.



Timetable Tweaking

We are extremely fortunate to be part of a cluster of local schools being supported by Dr Kathleen Liberty, Associate Professor of the University Of Canterbury School Of Health Sciences. Since 2013 Dr Liberty has been researching the long term effects of natural disasters on young children, and helping schools to implement strategies to ensure that the school environment is kept as calm as possible.

Over time we will be implementing a number of her suggested strategies, once we have had time to upskill our teaching staff and our community has had an opportunity to learn more about Dr Liberty's work. However, when the new term begins there will be a couple of minor changes to our daily timetable at school. None of these will impact on the beginning or end of the school day.

School Start time	9.00am
Morning Play	10.40am
Lunch play & eating	12.15pm
Afternoon Play	2.00pm
School Finishes	3.00pm

Year 7 – 8 Ski-ing

We have offered ski-ing to Year 7 and 8 students as an extra to the school curriculum. This means the full amount, \$80.00 per student, is expected to be received before September 1st if your child is to go to Mt Hutt.

If the full amount is not received by September 1st they unfortunately will not be able to go.

Cultural Festival Tickets

If you ordered Cultural Festival Tickets from the office last term they have arrived and ready to be collected from the school office.

If you wish to go to the Festival, August 16th 6.45pm at Horncastle Arena, you can do so through Ticketek. - \$15 per adult, \$8 per child, Under 3 on knee free.

Winter Sport Results and Draws

Visit the link below for the weekly sports draw and results:

<http://www.easterncommunity.co.nz/programme/rcsi-sport-cluster/>

Accounts

School accounts were emailed, or posted last week. We appreciate your support in paying for your child's activities.

If you have any queries or concerns please contact Cheryl in the school office. The school office has eftpos available or you may find internet banking more convenient. Please put your child's name as your reference. Bank account: 03 0814 0000 333 25.

Activity fees go towards the cost of experiences and services which are extra to the school's curriculum obligations. They also go towards curriculum based activities which involve a 'take home' component for students to keep. Rāwhiti School's activity fee is paid per activity.

We are very mindful of the difficult financial situations some of our families find themselves in and sensitive to parents who are struggling to afford their contribution to curriculum items for their child/ren.

We would encourage you to make regular weekly payments, (\$5.00 - \$10.00 per week), to help with activity fees (trips, winter sport, touch rugby, etc). You could do this either by eftpos or cash in the school office or internet banking. Our bank account details are 03 0814 0000333 25. Please put your child's name as a reference. If you wish to make regular weekly payments your account is updated weekly and at any time we are able to give you a current balance.

We are very happy to work with you to ensure that all our Rāwhiti students are able to participate in curriculum linked activities that incur a cost.

Dental Service

Throughout August, the Community Dental Service has final year Bachelor of Oral Health (Dental Therapy) students from the University of Otago working with us.



They will be supervised by one of our experienced Dental Therapists and may check your child's teeth and provide preventive care in the dental mobile, which is visiting your school during this time.

Please phone **0800 846 983** or call into the dental mobile ASAP if you do not wish a supervised student to see your child.

Community Notices



**Eastern Community
Sport and Recreation
Incorporated**

Eastern Sports have a go!

Starting Tuesday 15th August at Rāwhiti School

Tuesday and Thursday - 3.10-4.10pm

Fancy trying a new sport or learning a new skill?

Why not 'have a go' this term with Eastern Sports and our local sport clubs.

Each week a new sport focus

All welcome year 1-8

Will focus on fundament movement, key skills

10 sessions for \$40

For more information please visit

<http://www.easterncommunity.co.nz/programme/have-a-go/>