

Newsletter 04: 29 March 2018

From The Principal
Kia ora koutou



Our swimming pool closes today after a fabulous 4 month swimming season. Our children are so lucky that we are one of the few schools that still have their own swimming pool – and it has definitely been worth all of the money that has been spent on heating, seating, painting and new pool covers.

Thank you very much for your support last Wednesday with our early closing. We were concerned that some parents were not aware that children needed to be collected at lunch time. We tried to give as much advance notice as we could for this event by including it in our newsletter on February 15th, March 1st and March 15th – as well as posting the info to our web site calendar and on the Rāwhiti School App. We want you to have all the details you need about what is happening for your child at school and we want you to feel you can communicate effectively with us. In order for this to happen all parties have responsibilities. It is our responsibility to provide you with information in a timely manner and through a number of sources and it is your responsibility to access that information - to choose to be informed!

Iris is Retiring

At the end of this term Iris Derham will be retiring. Those of you who had an association with Freeville School will know Iris well – she was a part of Freeville School from 1980 until its closure at the end of 2014. We wish to acknowledge the outstanding contribution of Iris Derham to education and to our community. Iris has spent many years as a teacher and educator – 38 of those years spent serving the Freeville and Rāwhiti school communities. The influence she has had on young lives and the families of young people has had an immeasurable reach, and she will be missed. We wish Iris a long, happy and well-earned retirement.

Vandalism

As many of you will have seen on our Facebook page, we were the victims of more senseless vandalism at the weekend with damage to our newly planted Rapuara play area, as well as the garage doors. Fortunately we do have a significant number of security cameras monitoring our site and while they don't catch everything they do give us a pretty good idea as to who is here and at what times of the day – and night. We are greatly concerned by the number of quite young children who are here unsupervised after dark and sometimes well into the wee small hours. Those on site need to be aware that we do regularly provide security footage to the police.

We love having the wider community use our school grounds outside of school hours and consider you all to be part of our security team, so please do notify the police if you witness any vandalism or suspicious behaviour.

Learning Conversations

If you did not get around to making a booking for this weeks Learning Conversations (Year 4-8 parent-teacher-child meetings) you can contact the teachers directly to make a time to meet before the end of the term. Times will be more limited as teachers will need to work around meetings and other end of term deadlines.

Today we say goodbye to Brogan O'Neill as she begins her maternity leave. Our very best wishes to Brogan and Kris as they start this next stage of their lives as parents. We are all looking forward to meeting the new arrival in a few weeks' time.

A final reminder that because Easter break falls within the term all schools are closed on Tuesday 3rd April. Enjoy the Easter break and the extended time with your family.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa
Liz Weir



What's Coming Up

March

29th Swimming Pool closes
30th Good Friday – School Closed

April

2nd & 3rd Easter Holiday – School Closed
4th – 6th Ata Hapara & Yr 7/8 Marae visits
11th Hearing & Vision Testing
13th Whole School Assembly
Parents Pop In session after assembly
End of Term 1.
30th Term 2 begins



Principals Awards

Rongo Ma Tane: Meah (2), Anameka (2), Jacob, JT, Travis, Maia, Will, Samara, Eliza, Evie (2), Harley, Jessika, Pippa, Stella, Niya, Jasper, Holley

School Notices

Success@Rawhiti

Two of our Rāwhiti staff, Lauren Yaxley and Sharon Thompson, have won places on the new Ministry of Education Maori language initiative Kā Poupou Reo o Tahu. Lauren and Sharon will both take part in this programme in Term 3. There was a lot of competition for places in this programme and we are proud to have two Rāwhiti staff members involved.



Tyson from Papatuanuku was awarded MVP of his U9 Parklands T-ball team at PCU prize giving.

Mason from Papatuanuku was award MVP for mixed T-ball strikers at PCU recent prize giving.

Well done Tyson and Mason we are very proud of you both.



You are welcome to email us at success@rawhiti.school.nz with news of something your child has achieved outside of school, and we will celebrate this with our whole community by including it in our fortnightly newsletter.

Cyclone Gita Mufti Day and Bake Sale

Thank you for supporting the families and communities affected by Cyclone Gita with our bake sale and mufti day fundraisers. Thank you especially to Mayliah and Anna-Belle who organised these two events. We fundraised \$686.50.

Hearing & Vision Testing

The Hearing and Vision team will be at school on April 11th. If you have concerns about your child's hearing or vision please contact the school office and they will register their name for the team.

Parking Reminder

Our car park is for staff parking and mobility parking only. Those using the designated mobility spaces must be displaying a valid parking permit. We ask that you respect this for the safety of our students and do not use this for your own parking. Please do not be offended if you are asked to move your vehicle out of the staff car park. Sadly, our staff have been on the receiving end of some fairly vicious verbal abuse when enforcing these regulations – which is why our Board of Trustees has recently adopted a Parent Code of Conduct.

Accounts

We appreciate your support in paying for your child's activities. **PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE A NEW BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER – 12 3240 0211804 01.**

Visit to Tuahiwi Marae

As part of our learning around Identity' we have an opportunity for students to participate in our local marae education workshops. Sessions will be run by the Education committee around :

Who are Ngai Tahu? Who are Te Ngai Tuahuriri? They will be sharing stories about the local area identity, history and significance of the Tuahiwi area and New Brighton. This will also provide an authentic opportunity for students to share their pepeha/mihi which they have been learning and preparing in class.

Tangaroa (Group 1): Wednesday 4th April
Ata Hapara/Haumiatiketike: Thursday 5th April
Tangaroa (Group 2): Friday 6th April



The bus will leave school at 9.00am to arrive at the marae for a 9:30am Powhiri. The bus will depart Tuahiwi at 2:30pm to be back at school by 3.00pm. The cost for this is **\$8.00 to cover the cost of bus transport.**

Pasifika Fanau Fono : Wednesday 4th April 1.30pn in the school library/staffroom

Talofa lava, Halo olgeta, Kia orana, Taloha ni, Ni sa bula vinaka, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Talofa, Malo e lelei. We invite all fanau Pasifika to our Term 1 Fanau Fono. The purpose of this fono is to connect together, share ideas, see and join in with our school Pasifika group, share some findings from our 2017 achievement results and discuss our Reading focus for 2018. RSVP Helen at school 3889519 or email helen@rawhiti.school.nz

Year 5 - 6 Camp - Hanmer Springs June 2018

You will have received a newsletter home about the Year 5-6 Camp at Hanmer Springs in June. The cost is \$150.00. For budgeting purposes you may wish to start making regular weekly or fortnightly payments. If you chose this option please put your child/ren's as a reference. If you have any concerns regarding payment please contact Cheryl as soon as possible.

Taonga Puoro Show

On Monday we hosted Grammy Award winning featured soloist and Maori musical instrument specialist Jerome Kavanagh. He shared his collection of traditional musical instruments, stories and songs with us. We appreciate your support in paying for the show. \$5.00 per family.

Here's what the tamariki of Ata Hapara had to say about the show:

- It was calming. The music made me feel really relaxed
- The purerehua sounded like a car engine and it was cool to watch. When it isn't spinning it doesn't make a sound, but when it spins then it sounds like the wind.
- You could feel the ihi.
- The instruments were made out of seaweed, whale teeth, gourds, wood, pupurangi shells, albatross (toroa) bone and pounamu.
- Some of the instruments were played by his nose, some he blew across the top of.
- Some of the instruments came from other places, like Alaska and Hawaii.



- He talked about the Maori goddess of music Hineraukatauri and shared stories about the music and how they relate to the instruments.



Uniform

The Warehouse Eastgate has signed our school up to the school rebates programme. If you are purchasing our school black shorts, skorts, trackpants or leggings from The Warehouse Eastgate, mention our school and we will collect points.

Genesis School-gen Vote for Rāwhiti School

visit: <https://goo.gl/24PrBp>

Click on 'Vote for your school'

Then search Rāwhiti - just put in your email address!

We could be in to win \$25,000, \$15,000 or \$10,000.

Voting closes 2nd April!

Year 4-6 Disco

A group of Year 8's are making an underwater themed disco party! It has been organised for years 4, 5, and 6! There will be games, drinks, treats, music and HEAPS of fun! The disco will be from 4:30 pm till 6:00 pm on

Thursday the 12th of April. It is \$2 entry and tickets will be sold in front of the office from 8:30 am till 9:00 am and 3:00 pm till 3:20 pm on weekdays, starting today. Make sure that you bring some money with you because there will be lolly bags that you can munch on, drinks, cupcakes and jelly. There will also be exciting games that you can win prizes from!



Who: Years 4, 5 and 6.
What: An underwater themed disco party!
When: 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm. Thursday 12th April
Where: Rāwhiti School hall.

Community Notices

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



A quick reminder that the tsunami sirens will be tested this **Sunday (1st of April) at 11am** for up to three minutes. The sirens are tested twice a year to coincide with day light saving. It's a good time to check whether you are in a tsunami evacuation zone and to work out with your family on where to go during an evacuation. To find out more about the different tsunami evacuation zones and learn what to copy and paste the link below: <https://www.ccc.govt.nz/services/civil-defence/hazards/tsunami-evacuation-zones-and-routes/>

Day Light Saving

Day light saving ends on Sunday 1st April. Put your clocks back one hour from 3.00am.

Father Son Camp - Teen Edition

Due to the success of our Father Son Camps for intermediate aged boys and their dads we are now offering it for teens! Father Son Camp – Teen Edition is an awesome weekend away for teenage guys and their dads (or fill in dad if dad isn't around). The weekend is made up of various outdoor pursuits, lots of food, chill time and a few low key sessions to help you develop your relationship with your dad/son. Our previous Father Son Camps have always been great weekends away and filled up fast, this weekend promises to be the same.

For more information or to register head to <http://www.youthalivetrust.org.nz/camps/tfsc/> or send an email to Matt Barnes at matt.barnes@yat.org.nz with any questions you might have.

Jennian Homes Heart Fun Run - Mothers' Day - Sunday 13th May, 2018 - 10.00am

South Hagley Park - Deans Ave, Christchurch. Join us for a 5km run, walk or stroll this Mother's Day. It'll be a great start to the day and you'll be doing your bit to help beat heart disease. All participants will receive an event t-shirt designed by Dick Frizzell. Register online at: jennianmothersday.com

New Brighton Netball Club are looking for 3 x year 3/4 players for this seasons Future Ferns netball (play on a Saturday morning). Please contact Bryleigh Symons at newbrightonnetball@gmail.com

Christchurch City Libraries is running an engaging programme in the holidays at the New Brighton Library that would be great for ages 5-7. Go to their website and check out the details

Opportunity for Ngāi Tahu children - He Toko He Tūāhu

He Toko He Tūāhu is for Ngāi Tūāhuriri rangatahi aged between 8-15 years old who are keen to connect with their hapū. We will be learning about the history and nterconnected relationship with Koukourārata marae and the hapū of Ngāti Irakehu and Ngāti Huikai. We will explore the Banks Peninsula environment, learning about whakapapa and the traditions and stories that connect us together. With all of the knowledge we have gathered, we will be creating projects that encourage and strengthen our relationship with Ngāi Tūāhuriri. Rangatahi who whakapapa to Ngāi Tūāhuriri and/or Koukourārata will be prioritised, although we encourage all interested Ngāi Tahu youth to register. Registrations of interest can be made here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekZzaUX2ln_nR7dGgFbNODKP4LOnLNM0t5RksCLCTnMZrcyA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Enjoy the stunning autumn days. Happy Easter and safe travels if you are going away.

