

**Newsletter 05: 12 April 2018**

**From The Principal**  
**Kia ora koutou**



The weather is letting us know that the winter terms are fast approaching. I hope the sun reappears and that you enjoy the end of term break with your children.

A reminder that tomorrow morning we are holding the first of our Parent Pop-In sessions straight after the whole school assembly. Our Senior Leadership Team (Paul Wilkinson, Helen Parata and I) will be available to meet with parents and whanau informally for a coffee and a catch up. This is intended as a forum for asking questions about the way we do things, clarifying something that may be confusing, or even sharing your own ideas or suggestions with us.

### **Scooter Racks**

Finding an effective solution for scooter parking here at school has been an ongoing challenge for us. We have, however, found an excellent solution and over the holidays the new scooter racks will be installed. These will be permanently located adjacent to the netball courts. There will be plenty of scooter parking, along with the additional bonus of being able to lock scooters in place. Locks will not be provided so children will need to be responsible for bringing and managing their own locks if they are wishing to make use of this feature. This will be the only place that scooters can be stored at school. We are working with the same designers on a suitable option for storing skateboards and hope to have progress on this early in the new term.

### **Sleep Study Opportunity**

As part of the Dr Kathleen Liberty 'Calming and Coping Strategies' project that our school is involved in, Year 4-6 children at our school will be involved in a Sleep Education programme designed to educate children on the benefits of getting a good night's sleep. The team at the University of Canterbury is currently looking for a small number of children from our school to take part in a study on children's sleep and memory. The children in the study group must be in Years 4-6 and aged between 8 and 12 years. They must have lived in Christchurch during the earthquakes in 2010 – 2013. The study would involve your child completing a brief report on their sleep for 7 nights, taking part in 2 short memory tests on an iPad, and answering a questionnaire about their sleep.

There are still a few places left for children to be involved in this research project. Please email us here at school [admin@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:admin@rawhiti.school.nz) to arrange for additional information to be sent to you.

### **Proposed Enrolment Zones for Avonside Girls' and Shirley Boys' High Schools**

As you will be aware, these two schools are to be co-located on a new site situated on part of the former QE2 grounds, with effect from the beginning of the second term next year. A consequence of this move to the new site is to have a new and common Enrolment Zone established for the schools. All of the current Rāwhiti School home zone is inside the proposed zone for AGHS and SBHS. This means that if you live in the Rāwhiti School zone then your children would be entitled to enrol at those high schools, should that be where you want your child to attend secondary school. Many of you who live outside of our school zone will also be inside the proposed high school zones – you will need to check the map carefully to see if your address is included. You will find all of the details in this public survey on the proposed zones <http://goo.gl/j4UxGv>. There is also one final public meeting to be held tonight, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm at South New Brighton School.



## Coffee Survey

The Board of Trustees are currently investigating the feasibility of operating a commercial coffee machine at school. We'd love to find out what the community thinks about this. Please take a minute to complete this quick survey. <https://goo.gl/forms/Wbu4H0KTcjISp3tr1>

## Winter Sports

Next term we are hoping to field teams in the local Friday afternoon sports competition. We want as many children as possible to be involved in competitive sport - which is a huge challenge for us as we also need to be able to run programmes here at school for those children not involved. We are very dependent on parent helpers. If you have Friday afternoons free and would be able to support a team please let us know by emailing [amyp@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:amyp@rawhiti.school.nz).

Today we say goodbye to Julia Smith, who has been part of the Tawhirimatea teaching team for the past two years, and wish her all the best in her new position at Kelly Sports. I am sure we will see Julia back at Rāwhiti in her new role at some stage in the future.



Finally, Congratulations to Brogan and Kris O'Neill who welcomed Darcy Michael, 8lb 12oz, on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April – a little ahead of schedule, but mother and baby both doing well.

**Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa**  
**Liz Weir**

## What's Coming Up

### April

13<sup>th</sup> Whole School Assembly  
Parents Pop In session after assembly  
End of Term 1.

30<sup>th</sup> Term 2 begins

### May

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Together Parents 3.15pm  
15<sup>th</sup> Yr 5 – 8 Cross Country



## Principals Awards

Rongo Ma Tane: Shanara, Zara W, Natalie, Stella (x2), Teri, Samara, Luca, Caleb, Sonny, Riley, Anika, Holley

Tangaora: Nevaeh

## School Notices

### Success@Rawhiti

You are welcome to email us at [success@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto: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.



Kenadie was awarded "most valuable player" award in touch this season. She is the only girl in her team.

Charlotte J, Lily D and Greta D recently participated in the McDonald's Youth Duathlon at Hagley Park. It involved a 1km run, a 4km cycle and a 500m run. Here they are with their medals.



Jacob wanted to share his exciting news, one Tuesday afternoon he graded to his yellow belt in karate after working really hard and learning his kick routine.



Congratulations to the students who made it to Canterbury swimming sports, Kaleb, Sean, Nicholas, Rosie, Tom, Josh, Willow and Jakob. On Thursday 5th of April these students competed in Rolleston for the Canterbury swimming sports where over 800 students competed. They all swam outstanding races and proudly represented Rāwhiti School. Well done on all your efforts. Thank you to the parents who supported the team, providing transport and cheering our team on.



Earlier this week we held a farewell function for Iris Derham who is retiring after a long and successful career in Education. It was a privilege to host Iris's family, including her mum and her grandchildren, as we said goodbye to a much loved colleague.



## 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.**

## 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 name as a reference. If you have any concerns regarding payment please contact Cheryl as soon as possible.

## Community Notices

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

### Father Son Camp – Teen Edition May 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto:matt.barnes@yat.org.nz) with any questions you might have.

### Jennian Homes Heart Fun Run - Mothers' Day - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://jennianmothersday.com)



### **Drama Classes - South Brighton**

Limited places are available in Term 2 for drama classes at the South Brighton Canvas Bag Drama School. Each drama lesson is based upon a story, folk tale or legend. Each child is given opportunity to speak lines and become their own unique characters. This then leads into the Term 4 production where each child is given a part with speaking lines and a chance to perform.


Classes are held at St Lukes Church, 212 Pine Ave, South Brighton.

Thursdays 3.30pm -4.30pm for 5 to 7 year olds and 4.30pm - 5.30pm for 8 to 12 year olds.

Please contact Gina Fowler on 022 351 2519 or [g.fowler.atsltd@gmail.com](mailto:g.fowler.atsltd@gmail.com) or visit our webpage

[www.canvasbag.nz](http://www.canvasbag.nz)

**The Patricia Paul School of Dance**, your local dance school, is currently giving Jazz and Ballet lessons in your area. The school's director is teacher, choreographer & ex-ballet dancer Patricia Paul A.R.A.D. (London). Ballet lessons from 3 years through to Advanced, and all levels in Jazz and Hip Hop starting from age 6. For all enquiries please phone 372-9191 or email [info@studioone.co.nz](mailto:info@studioone.co.nz)



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**Book now for**  
**April Holiday Courses**  
**& Term 2.**  
***Leaders in Aquatic Education***

**Family Movie Night**  
**Saturday 28th April**  
Come join us for a Fun night for the whole family!

Doors open at 5.45pm BYO Dinner  
Movie starts at 6.30pm



### **Shirley Boys High School Parent Information Evenings**

*(Meet Headmaster John Laurenson for an informal chat over a cup of tea or coffee)*

Monday 7th – Thursday 10th May 2018 - 6.00pm - 7.30pm

SBHS Spartans Room (PE block, entrance off North Parade)

#### **Community Open Night**

Thursday 24th May 2018 - 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Commencing in the Assembly Hall (entrance off North Parade)

#### **C V Gallagher Trust Scholarship Exam**

Thursday 7th June 2018 - 1.00pm - 3.00pm Assembly Hall (North Parade)

Please register on the school website or at the school office

*Car parking is available at Shirley Boys' High School and Shirley Intermediate School*

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