

Newsletter 06 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 10 May 2018

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki
Kia ora koutou



On Monday of last week we welcomed three new teachers to the Rāwhiti staff. Clowance Nolan joins the team in Ata Hapara, Paula Redmond has joined the Tāwhirimātea team, and Kayla Laking-Anderson is now part of the Rongo-ma-tane teaching team. Since school opened last Monday we have also welcomed 21 new children! Some of them are new entrants having their first school experience. Others have moved to New Brighton from other parts of the city, or from further afield – Nelson, Kawerau, Opononi, Tokoroa, Palmerston North and Hamilton. A warm welcome to you all.

Term 2 Learning Theme

This term we continue our schoolwide investigation into the concept of Identity, with a particular focus on the Social Sciences Curriculum. Some of the big questions guiding our study include: What does it mean to be a New Zealander? How has history shaped our identity? What aspects of language reflect our identity? How do groups use language to define identity? In this newsletter you will find information about some Home Learning opportunities that support this theme.

At the end of the term we will celebrate our learning with a Matariki event here at school on the evening of Thursday July 5th. Please note this date and keep an eye on the newsletter throughout the term for more details.

Breaking News

Stage 2 of our landscaping programme is in the final stages of completion and the fences are coming down tomorrow morning! We will be having a quick opening ceremony at 10.00am prior to children getting their first access to the area at playtime. You are all welcome to come along and be part of this.

Bilingual Unit – Ata Hapara

Because the roll in Ata Hapara has reached capacity we are taking no further enrolments into this programme for 2018. Children looking to secure a place in the bilingual unit will be placed on a waiting list until a vacancy arises. Our bilingual unit opened with a roll of 35 and numbers have grown steadily each year meaning that this year we added a fourth teacher to the team. With the roll now sitting at 80, the maximum allowed in our agreement with the Ministry of Education, we reluctantly have to close off the enrolments for this year. The Kaiako in Ata Hapara – Whaea Jasmine, Whaea Lauren, Whaea Kylie and Whaea Clowance are to be congratulated on the quality of the programme they are offering – it is obviously meeting the needs of a large number of students.

Term 3 and 4 Enrolments

If you have a 4 year old due to start at Rāwhiti School in Term 3 or Term 4 of this year and have not yet enrolled them, now would be a great time to do this. It is always helpful to know well in advance that a child is due to start, and it also means your child will be guaranteed to receive an invitation to the Ready for Rāwhiti starting school party. Our office staff are able to assist you with all aspects of the school enrolment process.



Mufti Day for the Cancer Society Scooter Safari

On Friday May 25th we will be having a mufti day, with all proceeds going to support the Cancer Society. The Scooter Safari is a charity event involving 250 motorized scooters riding 250kms coast-to-coast over the Southern Alps from Christchurch to Hokitika to raise funds for the NZ Cancer Society. Now in its 10th year, the aim is to take the total amount raised for the Cancer society to \$1,000,000. We are happy to support this event in honour of the Rāwhiti staff, parents and children whose lives have been directly impacted by this dreadful disease. Children are asked to bring a gold coin donation for mufti day to help #makeitamillion.

Advanced Notice – School Closing Early

The union representing primary school teachers, the NZEI, has called a further meeting for its members in relation to the current round of contract negotiations. On **Tuesday June 26th** all teachers are to attend a meeting at the Horncastle Arena in the afternoon. We would appreciate the support of our community by making arrangements for your child to be collected from school at 12.15pm. If you are unable to make an alternative arrangement then you must notify the school office admin@rawhiti.school.nz. Thank you.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa
Liz Weir

What's Coming Up - He aha kei tua

May

- 10 PTA 7.30pm
- 11 Year 8 boys to Shirley Boys' High School
- 15 Golf in Schools
- 18 Year 4-8 Cross Country 9.30 Thompson Park
Avonside Girls' High 'taster day' for Year 8
- 21 Cross Country Postponement 1pm
- 23 BOT meeting 6.30pm
- 25 Mufti Day
Year 1-3 Assembly 9.00am
Year 4-6 Assembly 11.00am



Principals Awards - Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki

Rongo Ma Tane: Oskar, Alex, Emilie, Hunter, Rocky x 2, Stella, Anika M, Ben x 2, Paige, Jasper, Caleb, Will, James, Teri, Sophie, Addison, Izzy, Jacob x 2, Zara, Vinny, Millah x 2, Maeve, Samara, Pax, Leon, Salmaan, Joel, Lincoln, Lilly, Malachi x 2, Kingston, Evie, Anika C x 2

Papatūanuku: Madison, Eden,

Ata Hapara: Harlem, Jennifer, Lakyn, Elly-Rose, Zedekiah, Mana, Nikita, Kaiden

Tāne Mahuta: Bella-Rose x 2

Tāwhirimātea: Nikita

Tangaroa: Daniel

School Notices – Ngā pānui a te kura

Success@Rawhiti

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.

Zoe and Lucy competed in the CTDTA dance competition this week. Zoe came 2nd in her speed tap, and Lucy came 2nd for her song & tap. Pictured here, they came in first place for their song & tap duo.



Cooper raced his motocross dirt bike in the weekend at Wheels Week TT. He placed himself 2nd. He worked very hard for this placing with a class of 10 fast kids aged 6-8yrs old.

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.**

Your child's account has been emailed, or sent home with them, today.

In Term 1 we had the Power to Puoro show – the cost was \$5.00 per family and our Year 7-8 students along with all Ata Hapara students visited a marae – the cost was \$8.00 each. If you have not paid these costs we would appreciate if you could as soon as possible.



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. **Full payment will be required by Friday 15th June.** For budgeting purposes you may wish to start making regular weekly or fortnightly payments. If you choose 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.

Court Theatre: He Kura Kōrero

On Thursday 21st June 9:30am the Court Theatre are bringing their new show He Kura Kōrero to school for our Year 1-6 students. The show will inspire young people to be bold and brave in using Te Reo Māori in their everyday life, whether they know a little or a lot. Join Kaiarahi as they find their voice and the courage to speak Te Reo Māori, be a part of their exciting journey, delve into magical worlds through language. He Kura Kōrero explores Te Reo Maori through live music, puppetry, Kapa haka, song, and storytelling.

Tickets are \$5.00 per child and have been added to your child's current account.

Basketball

If your Year 7- 8 child has signed up for the basketball team the cost is \$50.00. This is an outside of school activity and payment is required in full if your child is to play basketball.

Technicraft Fees

Technicraft fees for our Year 7 & 8 students are \$75.00 for the full year. Your account shows this broken into four terms at \$18.75 per term. You are welcome to pay the full amount of \$75.00 if you wish. This fee covers the cost of materials used by your child for the things they make at Technicraft on Thursdays when they attend the Linwood College Technology Centre. The cost of the bus transport to Technicraft is funded by the Ministry of Education. The buses leave school at 8.30am so please make sure your child is at school early on Thursday's.

Internet banking is available – 12 3240 0211804 01. Please put your child's name as a reference.

School Donations

School donations for 2018 have remained the same, \$50.00 for one child, \$80.00 per family for the full year. This will show on your child's account as a per term entry. You are welcome to pay the full amount if you wish. Income from school donations are an important part of the school budget and allow us to provide superior resources for your child/ren. Payment of the donation is voluntary.

Scholastic Book Orders

The latest Book Club order sent home last week is due back by Wednesday 30th May.

Home Learning Term 2

At Rāwhiti School we believe learning happens everywhere and often the best learning is a result of shared experiences and conversations. Many parents ask us about things they could do at home to support their child's learning. We have created some suggestions and activities that you may like to try at home that fit in with our Term 2 theme of Identity (Keeping Identity Alive & Thriving) and Social Sciences curriculum focus. You can find the document at <https://bit.ly/2IOFRIW> or by scanning the QR code.



New Rock Band The following students below have been selected for a new Thursday afternoon Rock Band. We are still after a Bass player (possibly a guitarist could fill this roll if they don't mind Bass).

New Rock Band.

Drums - Sophie

Guitar - Jed

Guitar - Nathan

Vocals - Bluebell

Vocals - Mackenzie

Vocals - Maddy

Ukulele - Luca



SeeSaw Subscription

At Rāwhiti School students have access to Seesaw. This application empowers students to create, reflect, share, and collaborate. Students can share their learning using photos, videos, drawings, text, PDFs, and links. It is easy to share with parents, and nothing is shared without teacher approval.

We have renewed our Seesaw subscription for 2018. The cost is \$7 per student. To offset the cost to the school we are asking parents to pay \$3.50 for each child in Years 1 – 6. This has been added to your account.

Studios that use Seesaw:

- Rongo mā tāne
- Papatūānuku
- Ata Hāpara
- Tāne Mahuta
- Tāwhirimātea

Your child will post to Seesaw to share their learning. Seesaw is private; you'll only see posts created by your child. Each studio has sent out information on how you can connect (if you haven't already).

Updates from Rāwhiti School Library...

Did you know?

You can access our library catalogue (Web OPAC) at: <http://library.rawhiti.school.nz>

Every child in Year 4 to 8 should have come home with a yellow piece of paper. This had information on how students can login to the library WEB OPAC and see what book/s they have on issue, write book reviews and even reserve books. Students in Year 1 to 3 will get this information next week. If you have a child or children in Year 4 to 8 and you have lost this information use this form to request a login: <https://goo.gl/KdJ3gn>



Rāwhiti School's eBook Library (Wheelers ePlatform):

Children can also access 1 500 online e-books on our Wheelers e-Platform. These books will display when searching for books on the Web OPAC or you can go to the direct link:

<https://rawhitischool.wheelers.co/>

e-Books can be issued for two weeks and there is a limit of two e-Books per user.

Students will need to use their library number and password to login to download e-Books.

Download the ePlatform App



iOS devices



Android devices



Windows devices

If you have a device you can download the Wheelers e-Platform app!

Download e-Platform App -

<https://goo.gl/SIC6ft>

Any questions please contact Elizabeth - email elizabeth@rawhiti.school.nz

From the Tech Shed –

Does your child play 'Massively Multiplayer Online' games? Games like Fortnite, Roblox and Call of Duty?

If yes then you need to read the '**Gaming Handbook**.

Created by Brett Lee, a police officer for 22 years, and a former undercover internet detective, the Gaming Handbook can be downloaded at:

<https://goo.gl/AfRLwW>

If you're unable to access this online we have some paper copies in the office.



Does your child play Fortnite?

Source: Internet Safe Education – <https://goo.gl/qZDwKY>

'For parents and guardians of children under the age of 12, we would recommend leaving this game for older players. However, for those taking care of children 12 and up, the game is relatively harmless if you keep an eye on things.

If the risks are understood by you and your child, and clear boundaries are set in terms of what they can and can't purchase, how long and when they can play for, and whether or not they can participate in the chat, there should not be any issues.'



Basketball

Last week the Year 7 – 8 students were part of a Rams coaching session with Canterbury Rams, Marcus and Scott.

Winter Sport 2018

We currently have 267 children in Years 5-8. Last term children in these year groups were asked to express their interest in playing a particular sport. This was **not a registration process**. It was information gathering to allow the school sports coordinators to plan ahead in regards to the numbers of adults that would be required.

There is a limit to the number of teams we are allowed to enter into the Friday competition. This number is set by the Rāwhiti Community Sports tournament organisers and is dictated by the number of courts/fields available for play each Friday afternoon and the number of schools involved in the competition. As a general rule we can enter a maximum of 2 teams at each level of the competition.

Each team must have an adult accompany them each Friday. We require parent help to be able to meet this obligation, and we are very grateful to those who have stepped forward to help us out this season.

The requirements for rugby are different to other sports. Each team must have a qualified coach who is available to go with the team each Friday. We only have one staff member with this qualification, and he will be taking a Year 7/8 rugby team. Unless we can find another qualified coach who can commit to being involved then we will not be able to enter a Year 5/6 rugby team.

We would love to hear from any parents who might be able to accompany our Table Tennis players to their games at Grace Vineyard Church in Central Brighton. This need not be every week, we are happy to create a roster if there are people who can only help on a few days. Please email amyp@rawhiti.school.nz if you are able to help.

While the school is committed to fielding as many teams as possible each season we are never going to be able to cater for all children to be part of this competition. This is why we have committed to having sports activities at school on a Friday afternoon for all other students in Years 5-8.

Registering to Play: Children can return their signed form any time this week. The deadline for returning these is Friday May 11th. If there is more interest in a particular sport than the number of places available then the coaches for that sport will run a selection process.



Registration form Weekly Winter Sport 2018

I would like my child to participate in weekly winter sport. I understand that fees will need to be paid before the first day of play. The cost is \$40.00 per player.

Student name: _____

Sport: _____

Parent name: _____

Parent contact: _____

Parent signature: _____

Scooter Storage

Our new scooter storage racks are installed and look great. It has been encouraging to see so many students bringing locks to school and securing their scooter. We have ordered some additional racks to accommodate the scooters with wider front forks and this should arrive next week.

Skateboard storage has been ordered and should be with us in 3/4 weeks' time.



Sleep Study Opportunity

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 to arrange for additional information to be sent to you or pop into the office for a pack. The researcher will be at school tomorrow. The following is about the study.

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.

Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hāpori

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

FOR SALE: Girls McKinlays black leather T-bar shoes. Size 6 - as new, hardly worn - \$40.
If interested please ask at the school office.