

Newsletter 12: 11 August 2016

From The Principal

Kia ora koutou



There was much disappointment last week when the highly anticipated snow did not arrive – and it wasn't just the children! However, the low temperatures seem to be here to stay for a while. Please ensure that your child is wearing a Rāwhiti polar fleece to school – they are good quality and very warm. If you have not yet purchased a polar fleece for your child please see Jan or Cheryl in the office and they can help you with this.

This week we have lovely 'new' outdoor seats at school to keep us off the cold concrete. Actually, they are another great example of collaboration in action. Robbie Baigent from Akarana Timbers supplied the free timber, Jeff Banks (a Rāwhiti granddad) painted the legs, Mike and Josh Murray cut, drilled and sanded the new wood, and Trish Murray did the painting. The team then reassembled them and delivered them back to school. A huge thank you to the PTA organisers on another completed project! Once the Ministry has determined a repair strategy for the concrete area in front of the school, we will be able to plan some more permanent seating – however this could well be some time away.

Rāwhiti School Enrolment Zone

As mentioned in our last newsletter, the Board of Trustees is currently working with the Ministry of Education on the implementation of an enrolment zone to help manage roll growth. Our school opened last year with a roll of 450 on its first day. Our current roll is 562, and we are built with capacity for 600. The Ministry will not fund any further property developments at the school unless we have an enrolment scheme in place.

Next week the board will be hosting 2 opportunities for parents to hear more about the proposed zone and the impact it will have on whanau living outside that designated area. You may have seen these dates on our Facebook page. Meetings will be in the library at 5.30pm on Wednesday 17th August, and straight after assembly on Friday 19th August (approx. 10.15am).

Further on in this newsletter you will find a map and written description of the proposed zone. Please note that this is a **draft zone** at this stage and there may well be adjustments to this as we gather feedback from parents and our neighbouring schools. We can assure you that **all** children attending Rāwhiti School at the time the zone is implemented will be classified as **in zone** for the duration of their time at Rāwhiti. If you are unable to make the meetings next week and have any questions for the board regarding the proposed zone you can email zone@rawhiti.school.nz

Please use our library!

Starting tomorrow (12th August) we will be opening our library doors to parents from 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm. You are welcome to bring your pre-schoolers into this space and read them a story, or Elizabeth can enrol you into our library system so that you can issue some books to take home.

Union Meetings for Teachers

We have been informed by the NZEI (the union for primary teachers) that they are calling a meeting for members to discuss changes to education funding. This meeting is during school hours (which is allowed for in the contract) and will take place on the afternoon of **Wednesday September 7th**. We ask that all parents try to make alternative arrangements for their children from 12pm on that day. There will be supervision provided at school for any children who can not be catered for elsewhere – but we will need to know specific numbers, so please contact Jan in the office to let her know. All primary schools will be affected by this meeting.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Liz Weir



Principal Awards

Rongo-ma-tane Emily, Taylor, Riley, Logan, Marlee
Tawhirimatea Lily



Calendar of Events

August

- 13 PTA Hoedown
- 15 Learning Conversations
BOT Meeting 6.30pm
- 16 ICAS Mathematics testing
- 18 Mairehau High School Music Group performance 9.30am
- 19 Assembly 9.15-10.15
- 25 Canterbury Winter Tournament
- 29 Year 7/8 Ski Day
- 31 Cultural Festival Night

School Notices

Kapahaka Uniforms

Our new school kapahaka uniforms have arrived and look great. We are looking forward to seeing them on the stage at Cultural Festival later this month.



School Sun Hats

Term 4 sunhats are compulsory and they are now available from the school office \$12.50. Make sure they are named.

Mairehau High School Road Show

Next Thursday Mairehau High School are bringing their music groups to perform for our school at a special assembly at 9.30am. Parents and preschoolers are welcome to attend. It is also an opportunity to hear our own band, Liquifaction, in action as they will be performing as a thank you to the team from Mairehau High.

2016 School Accounts

You will have received your child's current school account. Funds from School donations are an important part of the school budget and allow us to provide superior resources for our students. Payment of the donation is voluntary. Activity donations go towards the costs of equipment, 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 the student to keep. Rāwhiti School's activity donation is paid per activity. Parents are invoiced for costs relating to sport, camp and class activities, cultural performances, and Technicraft fees for years 7 and 8. The cost of transport to Phillipstown for Technicraft is funded by the Ministry of Education.

We encourage you to make regular weekly payments to help with budgeting school expenses. Our bank account number is: 03 0814 0000333 25. Please put your child's name as a reference. Eft-pos is available in the school office and if cash is been sent to school, please put in a sealed envelope with your child's name, room number and reason for payment. In all instances if payment for an event/trip is going to be difficult for you we encourage you to contact the school office as soon as possible to discuss options with you.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our very own choir teacher, the fabulous Jenny Payne, for winning both the Best Album and the Best Song at the NZ APRA 2016 Children's awards with her duo Itty Bitty Beats, alongside the equally talented Lucy Hiku."



Holiday Camps at Woodend

Year 7 & 8 students – 28 Sept – 2 Oct 2016 at Woodend Camp.

Year 5 & 6 students - 3 – 7 Oct 2016 at Woodend Camp.

before the end of week 6 (2nd Sept)

Students who have attended these camps have had an amazing time and have meet and made fiends from other schools. See Cheryl in the office if you would like more information. Thanks.

Sports Update

Well done to our year 5/6 and year 7/8 Rugby, Football, Netball and Hockey teams for playing in the winter sports tournament. Also congratulations and good luck to our senior Hockey team who made it into the Canterbury's.

Proposed Enrolment Zone for Rāwhiti School

**Addresses on both sides of boundary roads are included in the zone unless otherwise stated.*

- From the Intersection of Anzac Drive and Frosts Road
- North on Frosts Road to Beach Road
- East on Beach Road to Marine Parade,
- South on Marine Parade to Hood Street (including Marine Pde to Rodney St),
- West on Hood Street to Union Street (including Oram Ave to Rodney St, and Ida St),
- South on Union Street to Owles Terrace
- West on Owles Terrace to Hardy Street (including Owles St to Rodney St)
 - Addresses 10-24 Evans Avenue, and Admirals Way numbers 20 and 22-33 are also included.
- From the Owles St / Hardy St intersection,
- North west on Owles Terrace to New Brighton Road,
- North west on New Brighton Road to Anzac Drive,
- North on Anzac Drive to Frosts Road



Term 3 - Library Updates:

Book Night – Congratulations to Dayton who won a \$150 book voucher from BDS for participating at our first Rāwhiti School Book Night. Dayton's voucher was presented to him by one of the sponsors for the Book Night and members from Book Discussion Scheme (BDS).

New Shelving – The highlight for Term 2 was the installation of our new library shelving. This means all of our collection is front facing. This provides easy access to books and the shelving makes the books pop!

Library Books – At the entrance to the admin/library area, to the right, is now a return bin. Children or parents can return library books here. There are many new books being processed for our library space. We also supplement our collection with books from the National Library. These books are imported into our library system and can be borrowed by students.



Outreach Visits – This term Anne and Zac who work at Christchurch City libraries will be visiting studios to promote a variety of books. They will also bring the library van. Children will be able to issue books from the van. Later in the term I will have enrollment forms available for children to become a member of the CCC libraries. You won't need to provide verification of your address because we can confirm this at school before passing the form onto Anne.

Community Notices

Canterbury DHB message to parents - Make your GP team your first call 24/7

At the end of July, Canterbury DHB kicked off a 'care around the clock' campaign to raise awareness of the fact that you can call your usual general practice number 24/7 and when they're closed, a team of nurse is available to answer your call. The nurses provide free health advice, and if you need to be seen urgently by a doctor, they can tell you what to do and where to go.

- Make your GP team your first call 24/7
- After-hours (when the practice is closed) a team of nurses is available to give free health advice. If you need to be seen urgently, they can tell you what to do and where to go.
- It's easy – phone your usual General Practice number 24/7
- Put your family doctor's phone number in your contacts in your phone – then you'll have it at the ready whenever you need it – anytime of day or night.

When a child is unwell it is always good to seek medical attention sooner, rather than later. It's best to phone your own general practice team any time of the day or night. If a child does need to have an appointment, most practices in Canterbury have free consultations for those under 13. More information is available at

www.cdhb.health.nz/carearoundtheclock

Mother & Daughter Camp - Intermediates

Register now for our annual Mother & Daughter Camp to Hanmer Springs for intermediates and their Mum's. Join other local Mum's and Daughters on a relaxing couple of days away from the norm, having fun, learning together, experiencing new things together and most importantly - making memories! From 26th – 28th August, all transport, accommodation, food & pools are covered for just \$50 each (\$100 per M&D couple) thanks to a Parenting Scholarship. There are limited spots, so if you're keen to spend a quality weekend with your daughter and other Mums register online... <http://www.youthalivetrust.org.nz/camps/mother-daughter-camp/>

Daily Senior Oscar: Years 5 – 8 only

Youth Alive Trust is running a daily after school programme especially for Years 5-8, with activities including Kitchen Klub, Craft Club, Basketball, Games and more! Free van pick ups from Rawhiti, SNBS and NBC Primary schools. WINZ subsidies apply. More info at www.yat.org.nz or call 3881001

Basketball Clubs

Spaces available for our weekly Basketball Coaching Clubs on Thursday afternoons. Join other locals for drills, skills and games for just \$50 per term. Years 3 – 5: 3:15pm - 4:15pm. Years 6 – 8 - 4:30pm - 5:30pm. Years 9 – 13: 5:45pm – 6:45pm. Register online at www.yat.org.nz

Family Free Movie Night

Saturday 27th August 2016

Come along and enjoy a FREE Family Friendly Movie @ 180 Queenspark Drive, Parklands Baptist Community Church. Doors open at 5.45pm for those who want to come along and bring their dinner to eat before the movie starts at 6.30pm. This month's Movie is "Kung Fu Panda 3"

Snacks and drinks available for purchase. Bring your cushions or bean bags and enjoy a fun night out.

SO YOU THINK YOUR GOOD?

QU?Z N?GHT

RAFFLES **SPOT PRIZES**



Sunday 4th September

One Good Horse, Parklands

Doors open at 6pm

for 7.00pm start

\$60 per team, up to 6 people per team

- 1) \$100 (voucher for one good horse)**
- 2) \$60**
- 3) \$40**

Book and pay for your team at North Beach Community Centre
Phone: 388 1733 or Email: nbccc@xtra.co.nz



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The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.
Albert Einstein