

Newsletter 16 : 13 October 2016

From The Principal Kia ora koutou

Welcome back to what is usually the busiest term of the school year. Our calendar is already starting to fill up, and we have already set the dates for key end of year activities. You can check these out on the school calendar found on our web site, or on your mobile device using our new school App (read on for details). The calendar section of this newsletter has been replaced with a "What's Coming Up" section that will alert you to what is happening in the next fortnight.

Rāwhiti School App

We now have our own Rāwhiti School App to make it even easier for you keep up with what is happening at school! Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android device and search Rāwhiti School to download the App to your phone or tablet. Our App is free for users.

You can use the App to let us know your child will be absent from school, contact staff members, read the latest newsletter, check the school calendar or the terms dates for next year, and see what's new on the class blogs. Once you have set your preferences you can also receive alerts about various things happening at school.

The App is another way for us to let you know very important information in a hurry – e.g. if we need to close the school for reasons such as snow or natural disasters, or if we need to open late because of plumbing or power issues. Please take a moment to download the App - or pop into the office for help if you are not sure about setting your preferences for alerts. We are happy to help.

Further on in this newsletter you will find a guide to each of the sections in the App.

Our thanks to Elizabeth Kazmierczak for her work on this project – she has done a fabulous job.



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Sunhats

Our Sun Smart policy requires all children to wear a Rāwhiti School sunhat in Terms 1 and 4. We are giving the children plenty of reminders this week, and were really impressed with the number of children who turned up on Monday with hat in hand. From the beginning of next week all children not wearing Rāwhiti hats will be required to sit under the covered area in front of the learning studios during break times. Our shade sails are going back up this week to provide further protection for children playing in the grounds.

School Zone

Details of the Rāwhiti School Enrolment Zone are all but finalised and are with the Ministry of Education for final sign off. It is highly likely that the zone will be in place from the beginning of the new school year.

If you live **in our school zone**, nothing will change for you. We do need to know if you have a pre-schooler due to start in 2017 so if you have not already done so please contact Jan in the office for the enrolment paperwork. The number of in-zone enrolments dictates how many out of zone places will be available.

If you live **outside of the school zone** and have a child due to start school in Term 1 of 2017 you will be part of a ballot that will happen as soon as the zone has been confirmed by the MoE.

- If you have already completed a Rāwhiti enrolment form Jan will contact you directly and send you a form specifically for the ballot.
- If you have not yet enrolled your pre-schooler for term 1 you should see Jan in the school office **asap** to complete an Out of Zone Enrolment Form.

If you have any questions about how the new school zone might impact you please see Jan, or you can email zone@rawhiti.school.nz

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Liz Weir

Principal Awards

Tawhirimatea: Ethan C



What's coming up section

16 October	PTA Quiz Night 6.30pm One Good Horse
21 October	Assembly 9.15 am
24 October	Labour Day School Closed
25-27 October	Ata Hapara Noho Marae
26 October	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
3 November	Athletics Day

School Notices

Bike track update

It is so exciting. The bike tracks are nearly ready. Only a few more weeks to go. We will have a loop track for learning to ride on and fitness. There is a skills track with obstacles designed to challenge riders and to specifically develop balance and control. We have a pump track with two levels of challenge. This is truly a brilliant facility.

Next week the bikes will be delivered. If you are interested in helping to unpack them and do some basic setup please email paul@rawhiti.school.nz and I will let you know when we will do this.

We will have helmets available for children to use but if you would like to buy a helmet we have been offered a very special deal and are able to offer helmets for sale for only \$25.00. These are a good quality helmet that retails for around \$50 elsewhere. If you would like to purchase a helmet please contact the office to place your order. (Samples will be available later next week if you want to see before you buy)

If you would like to sponsor a helmet for others to use we would also love to hear from you.

Thank you to all the people who have contributed. Our BoT and PTA have been fantastically supportive. In a few weeks time we will hold an opening event. Look for more details coming soon.

Weetbix Kids Tryathlon

Is your child keen to be part of the Rawhiti School team for the 2017 Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon? The event is open to children aged 7-15, and consists of a swim, followed by a cycle and a run. Registrations for individuals and teams of 2 are open now for the Christchurch event on 26th February at Jellie Park. <http://bit.ly/2e1QMnJ>

Accounts

Your Child's account has been sent home today. Touch Rugby needs to be paid in full before Monday 17th for your child to play.

Thankyou for supporting us with paying monies owed to school.

School Photos

Class and individual photos have been sent home please place money and order in envelope supplied or order online direct through Heritage Productions. Last day for orders is Friday 28th October. Thankyou.

Loud Shirt Mufti Day

Thankyou to all who supported our Mufti Day on Loud Shirt Day we raised \$516.70. Well Done.



Our new tables are wonderful.

Community Notices

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

Could you provide quality care for young person in your community?

Child, Youth and Family are looking for people, in Christchurch, who are interested in making a difference to the life of a vulnerable young person.

Many young people, in need of care, have had a tough start in life. Mostly they are just everyday kids but can exhibit some challenging and complex behaviours.

It is really important that these young people are part of a caring home, with foster parents who can be firm, are great communicators, are prepared to learn new skills to support their specific needs – parents who really believe in the potential of teenagers.

If you are in the position to offer a young person the quality care they deserve, and support them through adolescence, you would not be left on your own.

You will be part of a dedicated team, receive daily support, professional training, on-going advice, and guidance, and will be remunerated for providing quality care.

Please call us to discuss fostering a young person and the support package we can offer you.

Please contact Lorraine Paish

- 03 9615601
- Lorraine.paish003@cyf.govt.nz
- or call toll free on 0508 FAMILY (0508 326 459)

KIWI TENNIS COACHING

Tuition for 5 – 8 yr olds.

Commencing 19th October to 23rd November 2016, this is a once-a-week (Wednesdays) 6 week after school programme from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

This is designed to teach basic skills and generate enthusiasm for tennis within this age group. It is a popular programme and a great introduction to tennis.

For more details contact: Varinia 323-6393 or email: nbtc@hotmail.co.nz



Summer Programme

Year 1-2
Nettabury (Under 5's)



Every Wednesday
12th Oct – 30th Nov
4-5pm
Hagley Netball Courts
\$2 per week
Register at:

<http://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/24278>



Absentee

Call office or email

If the email option is selected all fields must be filled in. After submitting one absentee notification some fields on this form will pre-populate, next time another absentee notification needs submitted by the user.

After the parent/caregiver selects 'send' they will receive an email with the details they have submitted.



Contacts

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Contact details are listed for staff at Rāwhiti School.

Tip: *After selecting 'Contacts' use 'Filter,' or the drop down menu 'All Contacts' to quickly find the staff member you wish to contact. Teaching staff are organised into studio groups.*



Links

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Currently shows links to the school web site and facebook page. If a link is selected the user will go to the web site or facebook page.



Calendar

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Links directly to the school web calendar.

If the user selects an event this can then be saved to their own calendar on their device.



Newsletters

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Direct link to our school newsletters and if a particular newsletter is selected it will open on the user's device.



Term Dates

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User can view the school term dates for the year.


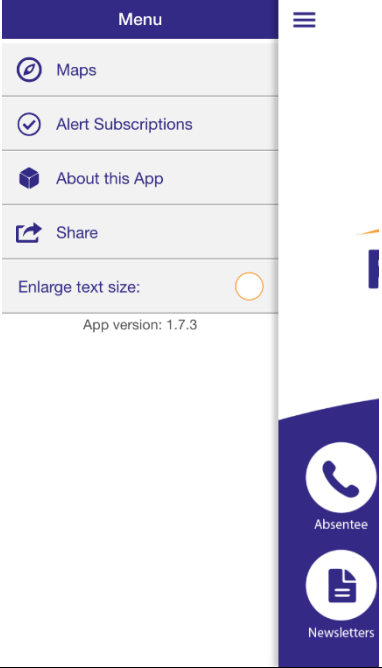


Class Blogs

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RSS feeds from school blogs at Rāwhiti School.

Tip: *After selecting 'Class Blogs,' the user can use the top drop*

	<p>down menu 'Showing all' to view posts from a particular studio. If the user selects a post this will open up the blog on the users device</p>
	<p>Alerts</p> <p>Users can select what alerts they wish to subscribe too. Under settings users need to ensure that notifications have been switched to 'on' to allow them to receive alert notifications.</p> <p>Alerts can also contain a link to a web page.</p>
	<p>Hamburger, drop down menu to the left of the Homescreen</p> <p>Maps</p> <p>This currently shows our location and school layout. Eventually it will also contain an image of our enrolment zone. Maps can also be used for school events, for example a map showing the layout for athletics day.</p> <p>The Hamburger menu also gives users the option User can enlarge the text size and share the app with someone else.</p>

