

Rāwhiti School

(Brighton Merged School)

Newsletter from Principal Designate and Board of Trustees

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Kia Ora Koutou whānau, parents and caregivers,

We are pleased to be able to end the first week of term 3 by sharing two pieces of information that impact on the future of our new school.

Rāwhiti School

Our school now officially has a name! Following community consultation, the name Rāwhiti School was a clear favourite and the Ministry of Education has approved its use as our official name. It is a name that has been associated with the New Brighton area since the 1870s.

One of the meanings of Rāwhiti is 'the direction of the rising sun' – and sunrise brings a new dawn, a new start, so reflects our new beginning as a merged school.

2015 School Sites

We can now confirm that in 2015 Rāwhiti School will be split across the two sites of Freeville and Central New Brighton School while the new school facilities are under construction at the North New Brighton site.

To ensure that there is no disadvantage to children having to travel to an alternative school location in 2015, the Ministry of Education will be providing transport by bus between the schools sites at no cost to our parent community.

While we do not yet have specific details about bus times and arrangements, we know this information will alleviate some concerns parents may have. It also means we can now focus on determining how the school will be organised across the two sites for 2015. Our community and school staff will be consulted about possible options and we look forward to sharing a decision with you before the end of August.

Contacting the Principal

Liz will be based at Central New Brighton School for the remainder of 2014 and can be contacted via the school office on 388 9098 or by email at lizbmsprincipal@gmail.com. She will regularly be at both the Freeville and North New Brighton schools.

Kia mahi tahi tātou katoa mō te painga o ā tātou tamariki
Let us all work together for the good of our children.

Principal Designate: Liz Weir

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