



## From The Principal

### Kia ora koutou

Our thoughts this week are with the members of our Tongan community in the wake of Tropical Cyclone Gita. We have all been saddened by the images of destruction we have seen on the news this week.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the PTA 'Coast to Coast' catering fundraiser at the weekend. This was our second year of taking on the challenge and many customers commented on how good it was to have the school back again. What an amazing event this was – with parents and teachers working together to feed the crowds. Not only did we raise much-needed funds for playground developments at school, but we also raised the schools profile in the wider community. Special thanks must go to the PTA team who sourced this opportunity for us and managed to get us over the finish line last Saturday.

### Rāwhiti RISE Values

This year you can expect to hear your child talking about our RISE values. These values encapsulate what is important and desirable at Rāwhiti School. Every decision and every interaction that takes place here at school should reflect these values. They should be evident in our philosophy, structures, curriculum, learning studios and relationships, and expressed in our everyday actions and interactions within the school. Here is a summary of our RISE values. We will also add this information to our website.

#### Resilience    Apatahi

At Rāwhiti we persevere, and we learn and grow from challenges. We accept change and we are determined to move forward. We bounce back when things get hard. **"We Bounce"**

#### Integrity    Wairuatanga

At Rāwhiti we are honest and we are responsible for our actions. We are trusted to do the right thing at the right time, especially when no-one is looking. We stand up for ourselves and others, and we treat all people with respect. **"We Stand"**

#### Success    Angitu

At Rāwhiti we make things happen! We strive to make progress and to better ourselves. We set goals, we aim high, and we celebrate everyone's achievements. **"We Achieve"**

#### Empathy    Manaakitanga

At Rāwhiti we respect, value and care for one another. We celebrate differences. We are aware that our words and actions affect others, and we work together to build positive relationships. **"We Care"**

### School Zone and 2018 Enrolments

With our school roll continuing to grow it is essential that we are aware of new entrant enrolments as early as possible to enable us to manage our enrolment scheme effectively. If you live in our zone and have a child turning five this year it is never too early to fill in the forms and get your child onto our pre-enrol list. Once on this list then we can plan for school visits and it also ensures that your child gets their invitation to the Starting School party.



If you do not live in our school zone but already have children attending Rāwhiti School then you must make sure that your 4 year old is in the ballot for an Out of Zone place. Being a sibling of a current student makes your preschooler Priority 2 for any available new entrant places. While we have been able to enrol out of zone siblings up till now, there is never a guarantee, so please avoid disappointment by ensuring you complete an Out of Zone application form. The school office can help you with information about this.

Out of Zone applications for places in the bilingual unit carry a slightly different criteria. In 2018 there are five places available for new entrant enrolments in the bilingual unit.

### **Amphitheatre Development**

Work has started this week on the second stage of our grounds development. It is great to have the Evergreen Landscaping team back with us, having done such a good job of the Rapuara play area last year. Some of our paths and bridges will be out of action for a while, but it will be worth it, we promise. You can see the concept pictures for this on our Facebook page.

### **Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa**

**Liz Weir**

### **What's coming up**

#### **February**

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| 19 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> | Paptuanuku Art Gallery visits                      |
| 21 <sup>st</sup>                   | Walk or Wheels to School Day<br>BOT Meeting 6.30pm |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup>                   | Year 1-3 Assembly 9.15am                           |
| 28 <sup>th</sup>                   | Term 2 Out of Zone Applications Due                |

#### **March**

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| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Whole School Assembly 9.15am<br>Ballot for Term 2 Out of Zone places<br>Year 1-3 Tryathlon 1.00pm |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | School finishes 12.15pm for Paid Union Meeting  |



### **School Notices**

#### **Success@Rawhiti**

Josh (Year 7):

Josh walked the Buller Gorge half marathon on Saturday and completed it in 3 hours and 17 minutes. This was his first marathon, he got first in his class which was Men under 20. The team that also did the marathon were raising money for Breast Cancer in memory of his mother. His family are all proud of him.

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.

#### **Principal Awards.**

Ata Hapara: Mataio, Mareko, Lakeisha, Ezekiel, Zedekiah, Eva, Attaahua, Reyne, Natalija, Mihiata, Sadie, Arihana, Harlem, Kaiden, Heath, Nikita, Zyah, Trey, Xaria, Te Whetu, Nikorima, Emma-Rose, Takairoa.

## Walk or Wheel Safely to School Day

Each year the Christchurch City Council sponsors a Walk or Wheel Safely to School Day. Your family is invited to take part in this citywide celebration by walking, scooting or cycling to school on the morning of 21 February 2018. If you live too far from school to walk or wheel all the way, your family can still participate by parking about 700 metres from the school gate and walking or scooting from there. This is about a ten minute walk. If you walk or wheel to school on this day, you can complete an entry form for your family (available from studios and the office) to go in the draw for a \$20 gift card. Everyone who participates will receive a sticker on the day.



## Whole School Assembly

This year we will be holding whole school assemblies twice a term. The dates for these will be published in this newsletter and also on our website calendar. The dates for this term are Friday, March 2nd and Friday April 13<sup>th</sup>. These assemblies will take place at 9.15am. There will also be junior, middle and senior school assemblies. The dates for these will be notified by the learning teams and also published in the newsletter.

## Out of Zone Enrolments for Term 2

The closing date for out of zone applications for Term 2 is Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup>. If you do not live in our school zone and have a child due to start school in Term 2 then please make sure you complete an Out of Zone application form and return it to the office by this date. Please see Jan in the office for assistance with this, or if you have any questions about the ballot or the school zone. This information is also on the school website.

## Accounts

School accounts have been emailed, or sent home, today with your child. If you have any queries or concerns please contact Cheryl in the school office. The school office has eft-pos available or you may find internet banking more convenient. You are welcome to make small weekly payments if this is more manageable for you and your family. Please put your child's name as your reference. Bank account: 03 0814 0000333 25.

Thank you to those who have paid outstanding school expenses owing from 2017. We would appreciate it if you would make arrangements to clear your account as soon as possible.

## Senior Jackets

Our senior students have the option of a senior school jacket with the school logo printed on it. If your child is in Year 7 they are entitled to a discount on the cost of this jacket, meaning that jackets can be purchased for \$65, rather than the full price of \$115. If you would like to take advantage of this offer payment needs to be made in full by the 16<sup>th</sup> February.

## 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 – 03 0814 0000333 25. Please put your child's name as a reference.

## Advance Notice – Early Closing March 21<sup>st</sup>, Paid Union Meeting for Teachers

You may be aware of the nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers. NZEI Te Riu Roa members at our school have been invited to paid union meetings in March so that we can plan and discuss the campaign and their upcoming collective agreement negotiations. Therefore school will finish early on Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup>, at 12.15pm. This is to allow teachers to travel to attend a meeting at Queenspark School. Thanks for your co-operation in this important matter.

## **Absences & Late Students**

Just a reminder if your child/ren are away for any reason, please let the office know. Phone 3889519, text 02108271380 or you can use the school website or school App. The teachers complete the roll between 9-9.10am and 12.30-12.40pm each day. Our office staff follow up on any students who are not in class by sending a text message, then a phone call if necessary. If your child arrives at school after the roll has been taken, they will need to come to the office and sign in using the Vis Tab system, to collect a "Yay – I've arrived" pass. The office staff will then mark the student on the roll as present.

## **Concerns, Complaints, and Communication**

In our experience, when parents have a concern that relates to their child at school - whether it's pastoral, curriculum or staffing in nature – it can be most quickly resolved by talking first to the most appropriate person. In this newsletter you will find a flowchart outlining who the most appropriate person will be. Please do not let a little concern become a major worry – we are always happy to listen and work with you to resolve an issue.

## **Counselling at School**

We are pleased to announce that we have once again partnered with Youth Alive Trust to provide a children's counselling service here at school. Sandy is a qualified counsellor who specialises in working with children and she will be working at Rāwhiti School one day a week. We have accessed funds for this service therefore these sessions are **free** for Rāwhiti children.

Children can be referred to counselling for a number of reasons: anxiety, grief and loss, depression, parent separation, stress, friendship issues, behavioural issues, attention issues and problems at school. You can refer your own child for counselling by completing a Referral Form (available from the school office, or on the school website) and dropping it back to the school office. Referrals may also be made by a school teacher or staff member, but families will be informed before any child meets with the counsellor. The school will then decide the priorities of the counsellor and make appointments according to time constraints. If you would like to find out more about this free service please contact our DP Paul Wilkinson. [paul@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:paul@rawhiti.school.nz)

## **Year 8 2018 School Based Vaccination Programme**

Your Year 8 child will have bought home last week a vaccination pack. Could these please be returned to school by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February, even if your child has already received the vaccination.

The School Based Vaccination programme will offer the two dose HPV vaccinations to protect against genital warts, cervical cancer, throat and mouth cancers, and other types of cancers later in life. In 2018 the programme has been extended to include a one dose Boostrix vaccination to provide protection against Tetanus, Diphtheria and Whooping Cough.

## **PTA Second Hand Uniform**

We have a number of second hand polofleeces, (\$25.00 each), black shorts and black pants (\$5.00 each) and some shoes, (\$10.00 each). Please call into the school office if you wish to purchase these.

## **Junior TRYathlon**

The Year 1-3 children will be participating in a Junior TRYathlon on Friday 2nd of March from 1.00pm. (Year 3's: approx 1.10pm year 2's approx 1.40pm, year 1's approx 2.20pm).

The children will begin with a short run starting outside the front of Haumia-tiketike to the bike track, bike/scooter around the bike track then run around the front field to the pool, jump in for a swim then finish at the scooter track.

Parents are welcome to come along for a fun afternoon.

## Rāwhiti School Recommended Communication Procedure for Parents

In our experience, when parents have a concern that relates to their child at school, whether it's pastoral, curriculum or staffing in nature, many of these concerns can often be most quickly resolved by talking first to the most appropriate person. This flowchart outlines who the most appropriate person will be.

<b>Learning Concerns</b>	<b>Pastoral Concerns</b>  <i>Pastoral care covers our support of your child's individual needs, their emotional wellbeing and helping them with any personal problems they may be experiencing at school.</i>	<b>Concern relating to particular learning or physical needs.</b>  <i>Where a concern is related to a special need and you feel an adjustment may be required to support successful learning e.g. issues related to ASD (autistic spectrum disorders), dyslexia or dyspraxia or physical disabilities</i>	<b>Issues relating to staff</b>	<b>Concerns &amp; Queries relating to school school accounts and finances</b>
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<p>If the Kaiawhina is unable to help please contact the Team Leader.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p>		<p>If the Kaiawhina is unable to help please arrange an appointment with Lauren McDonnell, our Learning Support Coordinator.</p>		
<p>If the Team Leader is unable to help please contact our Deputy Principals - Paul Wilkinson or Helen Parata.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p>				
<p>Please make an appointment to see Liz Weir, the Principal, if Paul or Helen are unable to help. Appointments can be made by contacting Jan Brennan in the school office, ph 3889519 or email <a href="mailto:admin@rawhiti.school.nz">admin@rawhiti.school.nz</a></p>				
<p><b>Teachers are available in the Learning Studios between 8.30 and 9am and after school between 3pm – 3:30pm for informal conversations. Please note that Tuesday is Staff Meeting day and teachers will be in meetings from 3.20pm. If you wish to have a more formal meeting with a teacher please make an appointment by emailing the teacher directly. Email addresses can be found on our school website.</b></p>				

## Rāwhiti School App

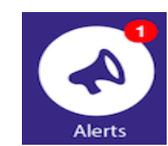
We have our own Rāwhiti School App to make it even easier for you keep up with what is happening at school! Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android device and search Rāwhiti School to download the App to your phone or tablet. Our App is free for users.

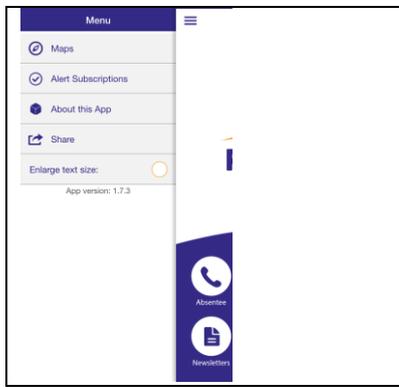
You can use the App to let us know your child will be absent from school, contact staff members, read the latest newsletter, check the school calendar or the terms dates for next year, and see what's new on the class blogs. Once you have set your preferences you can also receive alerts about various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

Below is the guide to each of the sections in the App.



 <p>Contacts</p>	<p><b>Contacts</b> Contact details are listed for staff at Rāwhiti School.</p> <p><b>Tip:</b> 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.</p>
 <p>Links</p>	<p><b>Links</b> 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.</p>
 <p>Calendar</p>	<p><b>Calendar</b> Links directly to the school web calendar.</p> <p>If the user selects an event this can then be saved to their own calendar on their device.</p>
 <p>Newsletters</p>	<p><b>Newsletters</b> Direct link to our school newsletters and if a particular newsletter is selected it will open on the user's device.</p>
 <p>Term Dates</p>	<p><b>Term Dates</b> User can view the school term dates for the year.</p>
 <p>Class Blogs</p>	<p><b>Class Blogs</b> RSS feeds from school blogs at Rāwhiti School.</p> <p><b>Tip:</b> After selecting 'Class Blogs,' the user can use the top drop 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><b>Alerts</b> 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>



### **Hamburger, drop down menu to the left of the Homescreen Maps**

*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.*

*The Hamburger menu also gives users the option User can enlarge the text size and share the app with someone else.*

## **Community Notices**

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

### **SECOND HAND UNIFORM FOR SALE**

2 hats,

1 x senior jacket - size 14 (2017), 1 x senior jacket - size M (2016 - older style)

1 x Polo shirts - in sizes 10, 14, and M

1 x Polo shirt - size 12 (has small mark on front \$5)

Please contact Tina - phone or text 022 100 7298.

Any reasonable offers - Welcome to come look.

### **Canvas Bag Drama School South Brighton**

Is your child dramatic? Do they love dressing up and acting out stories? Canvas Bag Drama School are running 2 classes for children at St Luke's Church Hall, 212 Pine Ave. There are limited places available. So be in quick.

Thumbelina: 5 -7 years (Thursdays 3.30-4.30)

Starfleet Class: 8-12 years (Thursdays 4.30 -5.30)

Our classes combine a structured fun-filled social environment with extensive use of improvisation and role-play to develop positive feelings of self-worth and the ability to confidently express thoughts and feelings. Classes are run by a qualified drama teacher - Gina Fowler. Please enquire at [g.fowler.atsltd@gmail.com](mailto:g.fowler.atsltd@gmail.com) or 022 351 2519 or check out our web page for more information.

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

### **Father & Son Camp 2018**

This annual camp is for intermediates and their Dads, it's an awesome weekend away of great food, outdoor pursuits, opportunities for quality time and a few discussions. Camp lasts 2 nights of quality time together from 2-4th March in the Canterbury high country. It is heavily subsidised so costs just \$120 for each father son pair. More info and online sign up

at: <http://www.youthalivetrust.org.nz/camps/fsc/> If you have any other questions please let me know

Thanks Matthew Barnes Mob: 027-257-1768 Office: 03-388-1001

## What is **Well Connected NZ**?

The **Well Connected NZ** project is exploring ways to improve the experiences of people with long-term health conditions and their communities. Specific aims include:

- Improving personal and community health
- Increasing physical activity
- Improving health literacy

Do you live on the East side of Christchurch and have more than one long-term health condition that has an effect on your breathing, mobility or thinking?

We would like to invite you to take part in the Well Connected NZ project to chat about social connection, physical activity and the neighbourhood environment as it affects you personally.

*Are you interested?*

Please contact:	Mandy Wilkinson	Phone: 364 3657 Email: <a href="mailto:mandy.wilkinson@otago.ac.nz">mandy.wilkinson@otago.ac.nz</a>
	Caralyn Purvis	Phone: 364 1157 Email: <a href="mailto:caralyn.purvis@cdhb.health.nz">caralyn.purvis@cdhb.health.nz</a>

### INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### MULTI-SPORT PROGRAMME

Programmes run weekly on one day a week for one hour.

**This term we will focus on the following sports:**

- ✓ T-ball
- ✓ Cricket
- ✓ Football
- ✓ Touch Rugby

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

**Now extended to year 0 – 6 students.**

**7 WEEK PROGRAMME FOR JUST \$75**

Cashmere Primary School – Mon, 3.10pm to 4.10pm  
Governors Bay - Wed, 3.10pm-4.10pm  
Hillview - Thurs, 3.10pm - 4.10pm  
Mt Pleasant - Thurs, 3.10pm-4.10pm  
Parkview School – Wed, 2.45pm to 4.00pm  
Queenspark School – Thurs, 3.10pm to 4.10pm  
Rawhiti School – Fri, 3.10pm to 4.10pm  
St Martins School – Mon, 3.10pm to 4.10pm  
Sumner School – Tues, 3.10pm to 4.10pm  
Thorrington - Mon Lunch, 12.40pm-1.30pm

**BOOK EARLY & SAVE**

Use the voucher code 'earlybird' before 14th February to save!

**Website:** [kellysports.co.nz](http://kellysports.co.nz)  
**Contact:** Steve Potter  
**Email:** [steve@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:steve@kellysports.co.nz)  
**Phone:** 021 044 6283  
**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/KSportsCHCH](http://www.facebook.com/KSportsCHCH)

