

Newsletter 03: 15 March 2018

From Office Jan - My final Newsletter

Well where do I start? Doesn't time travel fast. 14 years working in school offices and I have enjoyed many aspects of this very rewarding job.

It has not been an easy decision to leave, I will miss my daily visits from your children's happy little faces and crying ones as well. Over the many years

I have made many special and long lasting relationships with special memories which I will treasure for life. I wish all the families of this very special community and all the

wonderful staff and BOT of Rāwhiti School all the best for all the new exciting ventures ahead.

May all your dreams and wishes come true.



From The Principal

Kia ora koutou

Mufti Day

Next Friday, March 23rd, we will be holding a schoolwide Mufti Day raising funds

to help the families and communities worst affected by Cyclone Gita throughout the Pacific.

This gives our children and wider community an opportunity to practice one of our core values, Empathy (Manaakitanga).

National Standards Data

Around this time of the year schools have to send last year's achievement data into the Ministry of Education with an analysis of student achievement against the goals set at the beginning of the year. Our focus last year was trying to reduce the number of children in the Below and Well Below bands in Reading, Maths and Writing. We have made progress in these areas, reducing the number of children in the below bands resulting in a flow on effect to increase the number of children achieving at or above in both areas. Across the school 66.5% of children were At or Above the standard in Reading, 72% in Writing and 74.5% in Maths. While the Writing and Maths results both showed an improvement on 2016 levels, Reading remained the same. As a result of this we sought specific feedback from students at the end of last year about what was happening for them in reading, and they gave our teachers a pretty clear message that while they loved reading and books, they were finding their reading lessons boring. This has led us to set specific targets this year about increasing engagement in reading – and we look forward to sharing how teachers are tackling this in each learning team.

The change of focus from National Standards to curriculum levels simply means that children are given a different timeframe to progress towards the expected level. The level system allows for a more reasonable and flexible process, taking into account individual progress, rather than fixed points based on age level. All schools are currently engaged in conversations about what reporting will look post National Standards, and in Term 2 we will be running a parent forum around reporting and assessment now that National Standards have gone.

In the meantime, there is little change. We will be holding **Learning Conversations on March 26th, 27th and 28th for all children in Years 4-8** at which children and teachers will share the learning that has happened over the first 8 weeks of the year. The booking code for this round is **32zbj** and further on in this newsletter you will find the details on how to book a meeting time. Parents of children in Years 1-3 will receive information from teachers as to when they are due for a Learning Conversation.

Code of Conduct for Parents, Guardians and Visitors

At its last meeting the Board of Trustees adopted a Code of Conduct for Parents, Guardians and Visitors. Rāwhiti School is committed through its Health, Safety, and Welfare Policy to provide a safe and healthy physical and emotional environment for students, staff and visitors. Sadly, there have been times when our teachers (and sometimes our children) have been on the receiving end of inappropriate or aggressive behavior from adults. Our new Code of Conduct Policy enables us to remind all parents, guardians and visitors to Rāwhiti School about conduct expected from them.



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A full copy of this can be found in this newsletter, and it will be added to our SchoolDocs policy set on our website.

Staff Farewell

Today we are saying farewell to Jan Brennan as she leaves for a complete change of scene – joining her husband Steve in early retirement. Jan has worked in school offices for a long time. She arrived at Freeville School in 2004 having worked at both Birch Grove and Mairehau Primary Schools. Jan has been the first face' for many, having welcomed hundreds of children on their first day at school. She has also handed out millions of bandaids and cuddles during her time in schools. We hope Jan enjoys spending more time with her grandchildren, her new holiday house in Kaikoura, and also the new caravan! We know Jan will stay connected with this community through long lasting friendships.

And finally, a further reminder that next Wednesday school will close early at 12.15pm to allow teachers to attend an important NZEI meeting at Queenspark School. There will be limited supervision on site for children who are not able to be collected early. You must email the school office admin@rawhiti.school.nz to let us know your child will be remaining at school. The OSCAR after school programme will run as normal from 3.00pm

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Liz Weir

What's coming up

March

15 th	Zone Swimming Sports
21 st	School finishes 12.15pm for Paid Union Meeting
23 rd	Mufti Day for Cyclone Gita relief
26 th	"Power to the Puoro" shows
28 th	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
30 th	Good Friday – School Closed



April

2 nd & 3 rd	Easter Holiday – School Closed
4 th – 6 th	Ata Hapara & Yr 7/8 Marae visits
11 th	Hearing & Vision Testing
13 th	Parents Pop In session after assembly

Principals Awards

Rongo Ma Tane: Evie, Stella, Zara, Malachi, Rocky, Alex M, Ben P, Emilie F, Pax, Shanara, Teri, Tyson, Zara W Millah, Max, Sonny.

Haumia Tiketike: Takairoa, Emma-Rose

School Notices

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.



Luke P won a competition called "Live like a Crusader for a Day". He, and his Mum and Dad, went to watch the Crusaders Captains Run (training session) at AMI stadium. There Luke was given a tour of the changing rooms and coaches box where they sit to watch the games. He also met all the team and they signed his Canterbury jersey and ball, plus he had photos with them. They gave him a lovely Crusader gift pack too. On Saturday night, at the Canterbury V Stormers game, he was taken to meet the Crusader Horses and he had the honour of taking the ball and running out alongside Sam Whitelock, the captain, and the players on to the rugby field before kick-off. Then he sat with the Canterbury reserves sideline to watch the game. What a special time for you Luke!



Greta D (Year 4) has recently won lots of medals in both the Canterbury Junior Champs and Southern Regional Championships for Surf Life Saving. She won the medals for Board Relay and Beach Relay. She also made the top 8 in many of the races she competed in. Greta is a member of North Beach Surf Life Saving Club. This is only her 2nd year of competition.



Sophie J would like to share with you her motocross 3 series event called 'TT Series' where she got 3rd place overall in a class of 7-11year olds .Cooper J also placed 4th overall in a big class of 6-8year olds. This is a very tough competitive age and he rode his little heart out.

Fun at Rāwhiti By Brooke (Tāwhirimatea)

On Mondays, I go down to the school library to do 3D printing with a group of children and Elizabeth (the Librarian). Last Monday, we made key rings with our names on them, to do that we went onto an app called tinker cad. We had to get a square from rectangle that holds lots of shapes in it and then size the square into a rectangle that was not too tall and not too wide. Next we had to press a button that said text and then the screen came up with the keyboard and we typed in our name. I typed in Brooke because Brooke is my name. After we had typed in our name we pressed on our name and two arrows popped up on the screen. We pressed both arrows and used the mouse to move our name on top of the rectangle and then we had to choose a shape and press a button that said hole and then it would make the shape a hole in our key ring. Finally, we had to save our key ring so that it could be printed. The 3D printer is going to print my key ring white.

School Bands perform on Saturday

Our school bands Richter Scale and Spitfire have a gig this Saturday 17th March at The LYFE event in Linwood Park. The event runs from 4.00pm-8.00pm. Spitfire is performing at 5:45pm and Richter Scale at 7:05pm.

Rock Band Auditions

Auditions are open for a new Rock Band starting Friday 23rd March. The Instruments are: Drums, Bass, Piano, Guitar and Vocals with some requirements. (see below).

- **Audition times** for anyone interested:
9:30am-10:40am 11.00am-12.00am 1.00pm-2:30pm
- **Requirements:** Year 5 and up, and must be able to attend weekly band practices on Thursdays 2.00pm-3.00pm at Rāwhiti School.
- **Students auditioning** can expect to be asked to demonstrate the following:
Drummers – play a slow and fast drumbeat. Play a drum beat then add in a drum fill and then back into the drum beat.
Keyboard – Knows where the notes on the piano are and can play triads/chords
Guitarists – can play open chords and power chords and can strum and change chords without stopping.
Bassists – Knows where some of the notes are on the fretboard and can play to a metronome/click
Vocalists – sing a short song e.g. a verse and chorus and match pitch to a note on a piano.

Lost

A greenstone heart on a black wax cord . If found please return to Aaliya P Year 7.
Size 6 Polar Fleece well labelled with Charlotte J. Please return to Rongo Ma Tane.

Easter Break

As Easter break falls within the term, all schools are also closed on Tuesday 3rd April. Children return to school on Wednesday, 4 April. We will continue to remind you of this as the dates get closer.

Hearing & Vision Testing

The Hearing and Vision team will be at school on April 11th. If you have concerns about your child's hearing or vision please contact the school office and they will register their name for the team.

Accounts

Your account has been emailed home today, or given to your eldest child if you do not have an email address. We appreciate your support in paying for your child's activities. **PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE A NEW BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER - 12 3240 0211804 01.**

Learning Conversations

Bookings for the Year 4 -8 Learning Conversations are now open. You can make a booking by visiting www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and log in using the code: 32zbj.

If you do not have access to the internet the office can help with bookings. Select the time you want for a learning conversation with your child. There will be other families in the classroom at the same time and teachers will be available to help with conversations. The focus of these meetings is learning and achievement. Children and teachers will be able to talk with you about their learning and their next learning steps. If you have other concerns or need more time with an individual teacher, we ask you to make another appointment directly with the teacher.

Year 1- 3 children who are reaching an anniversary will also have a learning conversation. The teachers will contact you directly closer to the time if this involves your child.

Power to the Puoro Show

On Monday 26th March we are hosting Grammy award winning musician and international Taonga Puoro artist Jerome Kavanagh. He will be performing an interactive show inspiring our children by celebrating culture, pride and self-identity. Jerome will share his family collection of around 40 different types of Taonga Puoro (Ancient Maori musical instruments) using live performance with modern sound technologies while weaving ancient story telling that connects us all with nature.

The show also includes Taa Moko (Maori tattoo), Waka Haurua (sea voyaging), Maara Kai (gardens/healthy food technology) and Kaitiakitanga (native forest and bird conservation).

The cost for this show is **\$5 00 per family**. Whanau are welcome to experience the show with us. Year 1-3 show is at 11.00am, and the Year 4-8 show at 1.00pm.

Visit to Tuahiwi Marae

As part of our learning around Identity' we have an opportunity for students to participate in our local marae education workshops. Sessions will be run by the Education committee around :

Who are Ngai Tahu? Who are Te Ngai Tuahuriri? They will be sharing stories about the local area identity, history and significance of the Tuahiwi area and New Brighton. This will also provide an authentic opportunity for students to share their pepeha/mihi which they have been learning and preparing in class.

Tangaroa (Group 1) - Wednesday 4th April

Ata Hapara/Haumiaketike - Thursday 5th April

Tangaroa (Group 2) - Friday 6th April



The bus will leave school at 9.00am to arrive at the marae for a 9:30am Powhiri. The bus will depart Tuahiwi at 2:30pm to be back at school by 3.00pm. The cost for this is **\$8.00 to cover the cost of bus transport**.

Māori Whānau Hui

We invite all whānau Māori to our Term 1 Whānau Hui. The purpose of this hui is to connect together, a chance to see and join in with our school kapahaka group and share some findings from our 2017 achievement results and discuss our Reading focus for 2018

Āhea: Wednesday 28th March Te Wā: 1:00pm – 3:00pm Kei Hea: Library/Staffroom

Uniform

The Warehouse Eastgate has signed our school up to the school rebates programme. If you are purchasing our school black shorts, skorts, trackpants or leggings from The Warehouse Eastgate, mention our school and we will collect points.

From the Board of Trustees

As part of our succession planning the Board of Trustees is currently looking to co-opt up to 2 new members onto the Board. If this role holds interest for you we would appreciate you giving it consideration, speaking to a Board member if that is helpful, and attending our next board meeting on Wednesday March 28th.

So – What Does the BOT Do? If the school was a cruise ship the Board of Trustees would decide the ship's destination. The principal and the teaching staff steer the ship, deciding the best way to reach that destination. The board has a vision for constantly improving the school, sets a direction and strategy for the school, agrees and monitors learning goals and targets, oversees school building and grounds developments, and sets the school budget and monitors the spending. It does not tell the teachers what or how to teach, tell the principal how to run the school, decide what is taught, have access to individual pupil's records, or decide what sports, arts or cultural activities are run within the school.

We are not looking for any particular professional background or expertise. A Parent Representative needs to have a passion for making the school a better place and a willingness to use their skills and experiences to help shape a better school for everyone's children. We are not looking for any particular professional background or expertise but the following skills would be beneficial; Integrity, Honesty, Curiosity, Courage, Interpersonal skills, a genuine interest in the schooling community and its students, and Time and Commitment

Our Board is highly collaborative and collegial. We really value our strong, supportive relationships and we have plenty of passion for Rāwhiti School. Training through NZSTA (NZ School Trustees Association) will be provided for new members and support will be provided from within the Board. The role of Trustee is highly rewarding and challenging. It provides great learning, a different perspective on the operations of the school and a deep sense of contributing to the achievement, culture and future direction of Rāwhiti School. There will be an opportunity for interested parents to sit in on a Board meeting.

Current Board members are; Jen Evans (Board Chair), Janet Carson (Deputy Chair), Karen Brandon, Jonny Langley, Thomas Parata, Elizabeth Kazmierczak (Staff Rep), and Liz Weir (Principal).

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Examples of conduct that contravenes these expectations include:

- Insulting, abusing, or intimidating;
- Physical aggression;
- Harassment;
- Deception/fraud;
- Discrimination (for example based on ethnicity, religion);
- Smoking or possessing or using alcohol/drugs/other harmful substances on school premises or at another venue where students and/or staff are assembled for school purposes (except possession or use of alcohol strictly in accordance with Rāwhiti School policy);
- Threats;
- Bullying;
- Profanity/offensive language;
- Damaging or destroying school property;
- Consistently placing unreasonable and excessive expectations on staff time or resources;
- Pursuing a complaint or campaign, or making defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments, regarding the school, its board or any staff or students on social media or other public forums.

There are a number of different ways that contravening behaviour can be dealt with, and each situation depends on the nature of the behaviour and its seriousness and the process any witness or victim of the behaviour feels most comfortable with. Examples of processes for dealing with such behaviour include the following:

- Documenting each instance of behaviour including the date, time, place, who was present, what was said (verbatim if possible), how any witness or victim felt and/or responded.
- Conversation between the Principal and/or Board chair (or their delegate) or appropriate staff member is held with the relevant person detailing the problem and required resolution.
- Warning letter detailing the problem and required resolution and reminding of the possible outcomes of repeated conduct.
- A meeting may be arranged as an alternative or in addition to the above steps. This may include restorative practices.

Outcomes of conduct contravening this Code of Conduct Policy may include the following:

- The school's board is the occupier of the school premises under lease from the Crown. There is no automatic right of entry to state school grounds. The school's board has set this Code of Conduct as a condition of entry. The school through the Board may ask a person to leave the school premises by revoking their permission to be on the school grounds then asking them to leave under section 3 of the Trespass Act 1980.
- Unacceptable behaviour of a criminal nature may result in the Police being informed. For example, under section 139C of the Education Act 1989 it is a criminal offence to assault, abuse, or intimidate a staff member within the presence or hearing of any student while on school premises or in any other place where students are assembled for school purposes. Other instances of criminal offending may occur where drugs are involved, an assault has occurred, or a person persists after being trespassed off school grounds.
- In the case of behaviour amounting to harassment, a restraining order may be sought.
- In some instances, it may be appropriate to refer behaviour to a third party for resolution. For example, a Facebook comment that contravenes this policy may result in a report to Facebook. If unacceptable behaviour occurs at a sports event or sports venue, then it may be appropriate to involve the governing body of that sport, event or venue.

Legislation

- Education Act 1989, section 139C
- Trespass Act 1980, section 3
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Supporting Policies and Procedures

- Smokefree Schools;
- Visitors;
- Harassment;
- Alcohol/Drugs and Other Harmful Substances

Community Notices

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

Sport Canterbury holiday programmes.

We are now taking registrations for the January 2018 Sport Canterbury Active Kids Holiday Programmes.

Week one: 16th – 20th April

Week two: 23rd – 27th April

We would appreciate if you would insert the attached information in your upcoming newsletter and/or weekly online notices. Parents will find detailed information on our website.

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Gifted children meeting

Meeting the intellectual and emotional needs of gifted children

An Evening with Jim Delisle—hosted by the Canterbury Explorers. The Canterbury Explorers are excited to bring internationally renowned gifted expert, Dr Jim Delisle, to Christchurch later this month. We will be hosting an evening for parents, teachers and others interested in gifted children and gifted education.

Date: Wednesday 21st March @ 7:00pm

Location: The Medbury Centre, Medbury School

Cost: \$15 for members, \$25 for non-members or \$10 Students.

Visit www.canterburyexplorers.org.nz for booking or further information.

Or e-mail info@canterburyexplorers.org.nz if you have any additional questions.

What's your view on QEII Park - Community day

Sunday 25 March: 12.00 — 3pm North end of QEII Park, off Ascot Ave

Come along and talk with staff about how QEII Park is evolving and help shape its future.

- Guided walk around the park.
- Activities for children.
- Free sausage sizzle.
- Get an update on the new pool, the new school campus, and the Christchurch School of Gymnastics rebuild.

Check our Facebook page for wet weather cancellations.

For more information, please visit www.ccc.govt.nz/qeii or email qeii@ccc.govt.nz

Have you ever wondered what is going on
at the old Central New Brighton School site?

Come and take a look!

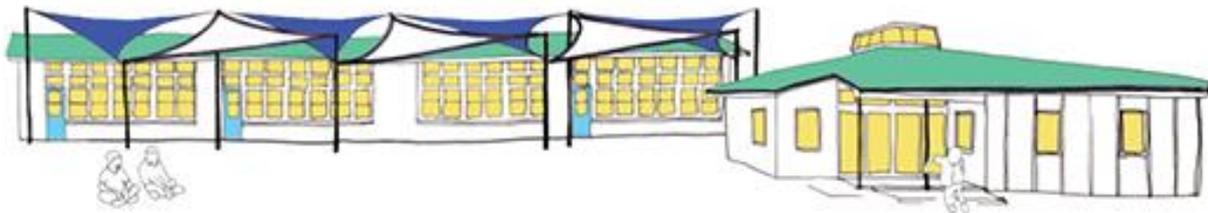
Friday 16 March 2018
6pm - 9pm

140 Seaview Road, New Brighton

THE OLD SCHOOL TE KURA TAWHITO
is your new community hub

- Meet resident community groups
- Meet resident artists
- View artists work
- Find out what is on offer
- Enjoy some refreshments

We look forward to seeing you there!



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