



From The Principal Kia ora koutou

A huge 'Thank You' to everyone who supported the PTA Coast to Coast catering fundraiser last weekend. 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 play ground developments at school, but we also raised the schools profile in the wider community. The word is that organisers were super impressed with our efforts and the job will be ours again next year. 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.

Family Night @ Rāwhiti

Remember that the school will be open tonight between 5pm and 7pm for your family to come along – bring your own tea, chat with the teachers in the studios and ask them any questions you may have about how the studio operates, meet new families, and take the opportunity to ride on our bike track, have a swim, or play in our grounds. While you are here you might like to pop into the hall and have look at the work we have been doing on identifying Rāwhiti School values and learner capabilities.

Rising Above the Ordinary

This year our focus is on unpacking the values and learner capabilities that are particularly relevant for learners at Rāwhiti School.

At Rāwhiti School we **RISE** above the ordinary by valuing:

- Resilience
- Integrity
- Success
- Empathy

Rāwhiti Learners **RISE** above the ordinary by being:

- Resourceful
- Imaginative
- Self Managing
- Engaged

These ideas will be on display in the hall during the Open Night and there will be sticky notes on hand for you to add your thoughts and ideas about what these might mean to you and your children.

Education Review Office

This week we have had two reviewers from the Education Review Office on site completing a New School Audit. Our first ERO review was completed before we opened and the purpose of this second review is to provide assurance that the school is operating in accordance with the vision articulated by the board of trustees, and is promoting and supporting student learning. Both ERO officers commented on how friendly and approachable our children are, and also said they enjoyed talking with parents before and after school. We look forward to sharing the results of this review with our school community.



Counselling at School

We are pleased to announce that this year we have 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. Please refer to the brochure attached to this newsletter for further information.

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.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Liz Weir



What's coming up

- 16 February: Open Night **TONIGHT** 5.00pm – 7.00pm
- 24 February: Whole School Assembly 9.15am-10.15am
- 01 March: Year 4 – 8 School Swimming Sports 9.00am – 12.00am
- 02 March: BOT Meeting 6.30pm

School Notices

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 next Friday, February 24th and Friday April 7th. These assemblies will take place at 9.15am.

This year there will 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 March 1st. 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.

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 attached 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.

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. If you have school expenses owing from 2016 we would appreciate payment as soon as possible. The school office has eft-pos available or you may find internet banking more convenient. Please put your child's name as your reference. Bank account 030 814 0000 333 25.

School donations for 2017 have remained the same, \$50.00 for one child, \$80.00 per family for the full year. This will show on your child's account as a per term entry. You are welcome to pay the full amount if you wish. Income from school donations are an important part of the school budget and allow us to provide superior resources for your child/ren. Payment of the donation is voluntary.

Technicraft fees for our Year 7 & 8 students are \$45.00 for the full year. This is shown on your child's account as a per term cost. You are welcome to pay the full amount. This fee covers the cost of materials used by your child for the things they make at Technicraft on Mondays. The cost of transport to Technicraft is funded by the Ministry of Education.

Year 5 & 6 Waipara Camp is coming up in March. The cost is \$140.00 which has been added to your child's account. You may wish to start paying in regular weekly payments to help with your budgeting.

Activity fees go towards the cost of 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 students to keep. Rāwhiti School's activity fee is paid per activity.

We are very mindful of the difficult financial situations some of our families find themselves in and sensitive to parents who are struggling to afford their contribution to curriculum items for their child/ren.

We would encourage you to make regular weekly payments, (\$5.00 - \$10.00 per week), to help with activity fees (trips, winter sport, touch rugby, etc). You could do this either by eftpos or cash in the school office or internet banking. Our bank account details are 03 0814 0000333 25. Please put your child's name as a reference. If you wish to make regular weekly payments your account is updated weekly and at any time we are able to give you a current balance.

We are very happy to work with you to ensure that all our Rāwhiti students are able to participate in curriculum linked activities that incur a cost.

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 use the 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 following up with 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 to collect a "Yay – I've arrived" pass. The office staff will then mark the student on the roll as present.

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.

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



School Dates 2017

The Board of Trustees has approved the following dates for 2017. Legislation says the school must be open for operation for 388 half days.

- **Term 1:** Tuesday January 31st to Wednesday April 12th. (Teacher's only day Thursday 13th)
- **Term 2:** Monday May 1st to Friday July 7th.
- **Term 3:** Monday July 24th to Friday September 29th.
- **Term 4:** Monday October 16th to Friday December 15th.

Community Notices

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

St Andrews After School Programme starts Tuesday 14th Feb
109 Marriotts Rd
North New Brighton
Tuesdays 3-5 pm

St Lukes After School Programme starts Monday 13th February.
212 Pine Ave
Mondays 3-5 pm
Games, crafts and fun!
Only \$2 per session

Contact Jenny Brawley
After School Programme co-ordinator ph/text 0220532093

The Patricia Paul School of Dance, your local dance school, is currently giving Jazz, Hip Hop and Ballet lessons in your area. The school's director is teacher, choreographer & ex-ballet dancer Patricia Paul A.R.A.D. (London). Ballet lessons from 3 years through to Advanced, and all levels in Jazz and Hip Hop starting from age 6. For all enquiries please phone 372-9191 or email info@studioone.co.nz

Christchurch Martial Arts,

250 Stanmore Rd ph3898831
JUDO train Monday to Friday at 4-5.30pm
Chinese Kickboxing Sunday 2pm
Karate Tues/Thurs 5.15pm
Thai Boxing Wed/Fri 4pm
Wu Shu Kung Fu Sunday 3pm
Boxing (10 years old up) Mon/Thurs 5.30pm Tues 5pm

Kind Regards
Graeme Spinks
ph0212264100



"What's Lent?"



Sunday 26th February 4.30-6pm

Kids, please remember to bring an adult with you ☺

Contact Lynne 0274194076. Carolyn 0274182530.

	<p>Call office or email</p> <p>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.</p> <p>After the parent/caregiver selects 'send' they will receive an email with the details they have submitted.</p>
	<p>Contacts</p> <p>Contact details are listed for staff at Rāwhiti School.</p> <p>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</p>
	<p>Links</p> <p>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>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>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>User can view the school term dates for the year.</p>
	<p>Class Blogs</p> <p>RSS feeds from school blogs at Rāwhiti School.</p> <p>Tip: 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>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>

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.

Learning Concerns	Pastoral Concerns	Concern relating to particular learning or physical needs.	Issues relating to staff	Concerns & Queries relating to school school accounts and finances
	<p style="font-size: small;"><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></p> 	<p style="font-size: small;"><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></p> 		
<p>Please raise your concern with your child's Key Teacher in the first instance.</p> 	<p>Please raise your concern with your child's Key Teacher in the first instance.</p> 	<p>Please raise your concern with your child's Key Teacher in the first instance.</p> 	<p>Please contact Jan Brennan our Office Administrator who will forward your concern to the most appropriate person.</p>	<p>Please speak to Cheryl Nuthall our Executive Officer.</p>
<p>If the Key Teacher is unable to help please contact the Team Leader.</p> 		<p>If the Key Teacher 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>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 admin@rawhiti.school.nz</p>				
<p>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.</p>				