

Newsletter 15 : 22 September 2016



From The Principal

Kia ora koutou

Here we are at the end of the term – it's frightening how quickly the year seems to be disappearing. With just 14 Fridays to go before Christmas we are into the process of making end of year lists and crossing things off as they are achieved.

Yesterday morning I visited the Tāwhirimātea team who have been camping at Blue Skies in Kaiapoi this week. It was a chilly morning but it didn't seem to bother the children as they worked through a rotation of activities including orienteering, building bivvies and a pretty daunting looking climbing wall.

Hours of planning go into school camps. It's not simply a matter of where and when to go. Teachers have to plan for every possible situation that might occur. Sadly, not all schools are allowing camps anymore - for many, the health and safety concerns, the necessary parental involvement and the cost, have made it prohibitive. I'm so grateful that we have teachers who are prepared to take on the extra workload to provide opportunities for our children to challenge themselves in a safe environment, and that we have parents who give so freely of their time to ensure that our teachers and your children have the support they require.

New Appointments

We have already started work on planning for 2017. We have two new senior staff members joining us next year - Helen Hogarth and Nogo Sipeli. Helen is currently the Associate Principal at Springston School and will be known to some of you from her days as a team leader at Freeville School. Nogo (pronounced Nongo) is also an experienced deputy principal. We are fortunate to be able to attract leaders of their calibre to our school. Both will be in teaching roles next year.

We also congratulate Sharon Thompson, Lauren Yaxley, Amy Parish and Julia Smith on being appointed to our permanent teaching staff, along with Brogan Darby who will be joining us from Ashgrove School.

In order for us to fill any remaining positions and plan the structure of our learning studios for next year we need to have accurate information about enrolments. If you have a child who will be starting school as a new entrant in 2017 please make sure you have completed an enrolment form. If you know now that your child will not be returning to Rāwhiti next year it is also essential that you let us know as soon as possible. With our enrolment zone likely to be in place for the beginning of the new school year this information will help us determine how many out of zone places we have to offer at each level of the school

Enjoy the holiday break.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou

Liz Weir



Principal Awards

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| Rongo-ma-tane | Robbie, Jordan ,Cadence, Arnica, Anabelle, Olivia, Lochlan, Toby, Cameron, Caden. |
| Papatuanuku | Noah S, Lexie, Caily, Angus |
| Haumia-tiketike | Nikita, |
| Tawhitimatea | Liam |



Calendar of Events

September

23 Loud Shirt Day
Last Day of Term 3

October

10 Term 4 begins
11 Kelly Sports Year 1-3
17 RCSI Touch competition begins
24 Labour Day

School Notices

Sunhats Term 4

During Term 4, the school models “sun-safe” practices. This means that students and staff are required to wear hats which protect the face, neck, and ears, whenever they are outside and involved in school activities. Students at school without a hat must remain an allocated shaded area at break time. The regulation school sunhat is available to purchase from the school office for \$12.50. Please make sure your child/ren has a named sunhat for Term 4.



Loud Shirt Day

This Friday (tomorrow) we are holding a mufti day to support Loud Shirt Day. Loud Shirt Day is about raising awareness and funds to support hearing impaired children across NZ. This cause is important for Rāwhiti to acknowledge, because we have **10 students** across our school who either wear hearing aids or suffer from partial deafness. The idea is to wear your LOUDEST shirt on Friday so you can be 'heard'! Don't forget your gold coin to support this worthwhile cause.

DigiAward winners

Congratulations to the New Entrants/Kakano who place second in the Y1-3 Movie-Making category at the recent Canterbury DigiAwards run by Core Education. Well done to Lily D from Haumia-tiketike who placed third in the Y1-3 Digital Art category. We look forward to seeing the movie and Lily's art work at the next assembly.

Touch Rugby

Touch Rugby starts on 17th October 2016. for all students who are interested in playing. To register interest please email andrew@rawhiti.school.nz. Grades are Years 1/2, 3/4, 5/6 and 7/8. Games run from 4:00 - 5:30 Monday afternoons at Rāwhiti Domain. **The cost is \$35.00 per student.** This covers the entry fees and works out to be about \$2 per game. **Payment must be received in full for your child to play.**

Y7 GRIP Leadership Conference

We have the opportunity to take all of our Year 7 students to the GRIP Leadership Conference this year. The conference is designed for all upper primary students and will be attended by students from across Christchurch. The conference is being held on Thursday 10th November from 9.00am – 2.30pm at the Celebration Events Centre in Wainoni. We believe all of our senior students play an important leadership role and can make a genuine contribution to Rāwhiti School. This is an amazing opportunity and our students last year really enjoyed the day and learnt a lot. The cost of the course registration and transport is \$45. School is subsidising \$35 per student leaving a payment of **\$10.00**. Please send this to school before Friday 21st October 2016.

Upcoming camps & trips for Term 4

Next term several teams have planned camps and trips. If payment is causing some anxiety for you please contact Cheryl, 3889 519, to discuss options and how we can assist you as soon as possible. We would encourage you to make small regular weekly payments to ensure your account is cleared by the end of the school year. The bank account number is 03 0814 0000 333 25. Please put your child's name as a reference.

ASB Summer Starter School's Competition

Team Rāwhiti has been registered and we would love to have you and your family join the team for the ASB Summer Starter 4km or 10km fun run/walk event on November. We need to see if we can get the biggest school team in Canterbury participating in this event. The winning school will have the More FM team roll up to their school in December equipped with BBQs, sausages, icecreams, music and games for an afternoon of fun! The event is about bringing Canterbury together to focus on our own health and wellbeing while marking the start of Summer. The 10km Route is from New Brighton Pier to Redcliff's Park. The 4km Route starts 6km down that route at Ti Rakau Reserve. Both routes are accessible to kids on scooters and prams

You can find more information and enter Team Rāwhiti at

<https://secure.tiktok.biz/register/default.aspx?EventID=summerstarter&Edition=2016&Team=RawhitiSchool>

Senior Hockey Team

On the 25th of August the senior hockey team were playing their hearts out in the Canterbury's representing our school. Despite the fact we didn't get into the finals, we were the only team to get into Canterbury's in our school.

Here are a few words from the players of our team.

"I like playing hockey, it was cold & I got tired. But it was worth it" - Finn (attacker)

"It was challenging & difficult but we made it" - Anna (defender)

"I'm actually surprised we made it to Canterbury's, we lost our first games this season. This shows how much we've accomplished as a team" - Tiana (attacker)

But no one could have played if it wasn't for these two mature boys. Alex and Campbell, for doing all the timing and blowing that horn. So well done hockey & helpers for making this a day we will never forget!



Senior ski trip

On the 29th of August the Year 7/8 class went on a ski trip to Mount Hutt. The students that came on the trip had to be at school by 6:45am on a Monday morning and they drove off on the bus up to the mountain tops the snow was white and they were ready to go.



"My favourite part about skiing was when I fell over on the magic carpet then I tried to get back on when it was moving but knocked someone else off then they stopped it so I could get back on!"

- Chase

"I went down a big slope and I fell over and it was funny because I couldn't get up and everyone going past was laughing at me."

- Rueben

"It was funny when we were driving and we had to stop because there was a herd of cows crossing the road we eventually got through."

-Piper

Wanted- Plastic Supermarkets for the sickbay and the office. Thankyou

Community Notices

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

Dental Care over the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will operate an emergency service over the school holidays. This service is to provide relief of pain only and will not undertake 'routine' treatment. The service will be available each working day from 8:30am until 12:30pm from the Hillmorton Hospital site. Monday, 26th September to Friday, 30th September 2016 (excluding weekends) and Monday, 3rd October to Thursday, 6th October 2016 (excluding weekends) This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance. You can phone and make an appointment for the emergency clinic by ringing 0800 846 983.

New Brighton Cricket Club - Junior Registrations

Does your child want to play cricket this season? Registrations for the coming season are now open. You can register at <https://www.nbcc.org.nz/>

KORE sailing school holiday sailing programmes

KORE are running sailing programmes throughout the holidays at Lake Pegasus and Roto Kohatu reserve. Join one of our groups or get a group together for even more fun. Our courses are over 5 sessions of 2 hours running Monday to Friday each week of the holidays.

Contact us for details info@kore.co.nz, www.kore.co.nz or [KORE sailing](#) on Facebook



Junior Saturday Cricket - register now!!!!

Last summer the number of teams competing in Junior Cricket in Christchurch rocketed up by 37 teams, in addition to playing in teams, many of the Clubs around Christchurch run development programmes pre-competition for children to learn Cricket skills before they are included in teams. To find out details of your local club go to this webpage for all the contact details you are after.

The playing season starts on the 15th of October with team entries from clubs due from clubs by the 28th of September so the clock is ticking - get involved.

<http://www.cjca.org.nz/content/about-cjca/Clubs/default.aspx>



Open day & Registration

Sunday 25th September 2016 2pm to 4pm



New members welcome we invite nippers from 7 years of age
(Younger siblings welcome with parent help)
Come down and talk to us on registration day.
www.northbeachslsc.org.nz