

Newsletter 17: 27 October

From The Principal Kia ora koutou



I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend and made the most of the extra time with your children.

Over the past two weeks we have had a tonne of talent on display at the 'The Voice: Rāwhiti'. This lunchtime competition was the brainchild of a group of our students who then set about organizing and running the event in a most professional manner. Sitting on the judging panel last Friday I was continually amazed at just how confidently our children perform in front of a large audience of their peers.

Planning for 2017

In order to plan effectively for 2017 and ensure we have staff allocated to the correct year groups, we need to have a clear indication as to the number of children we are planning for. If you know that your plans for 2017 do not involve Rāwhiti School please take the time to let us know. If you are the parent of a Year 6 child and have not yet let us know your intentions for their Year 7 enrolment please contact the office as soon as possible. It is looking likely that we will need to have four teachers in this area of the school next year.

As our school is arranged into collaborative teaching teams the process of organizing children into studio groups is quite different to drawing up traditional class lists. A lot of thought goes into placing children with teachers we think they will form a strong connection with. However, we don't always get this right. If you feel you need to share any information with us regarding your child's needs and the type of teacher you would like to see them placed with please let us know by emailing admin@rawhiti.school.nz. We have quite a number of new teachers joining the team next year – chosen because they have the skills and personality to really connect with our children.

Reports and National Standards

At the end of the year we report to parents on student achievement in relation to the National Standards in Reading, Writing, Maths, which is a legislative requirement. We have worked hard to make our school report format as clear as possible. However we are aware that for many of our parents this will be the first time they have received an end of year report for their child, or their first experience of interpreting the National Standards.

On Friday November 25th Helen Parata and I will be hosting a workshop to explain all about the National Standards and what they mean for your child. All parents are welcome to attend this 9am coffee session. We'll be able to take you through the report formats and unpack what they tell you about your child's learning. If you would like to come along please email admin@rawhiti.school.nz so that we have numbers for catering. Reports will be sent home on December 9th.

Rāwhiti School APP

To date 237 people have downloaded our new Rāwhiti School App. This is absolutely free to you, the user. Simply go to the App Store on your Apple or Android device and search Rāwhiti School to download the app to your phone or tablet. If you are unsure how to do this, or want some help selecting which notifications to sign up to please just pop into the office and ask for help. The help sheet is included further on in this newsletter.

Thankyou

A huge thankyou to Chris Manning for making our wonderful shoe racks he dedicated a lot of his time and they look great and tidy up the outside area of the studios.

And finally, we all offer congratulations and our very best wishes to Jenny Whiteford and her partner Ross on their recent engagement.



Principals Awards



Rongo mā tāne: Marlee, Ruby
Tawhitimatea: Ethan C
Haumia-tiketike: Lucia

What's Coming Up

- 31/10 Tāne mahuta Quail Island Trip
- 3/11 Athletics Sports – Only for children aged 9-Year 8
BOT meeting 6.30pm
- 4/11 Assembly 9.15am
- 9/11 Ready for Rāwhiti Party 1pm
- 10/11 Year 7/8 GRIP Leadership Course
- 11/11 SHOW DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

School Notices

Outstanding Activity Fees

A reminder that Activity Fees are supposed to be paid prior to your child going on a trip, unless you have made prior arrangement with the school. We currently have just under \$8000 outstanding for things like technology, camps, trips, sports, and uniforms that the school will have to try and find the funds to cover. Remember, we are only too happy to work with you to help you manage these costs, and we often have access to outside funders who can help families with some of these extra costs. Our office staff are very approachable and only too pleased to assist you. If you are in a position to clear these overdue payments before the end of the year we would be very grateful.

Parents of 2016 Year 6 students attending Rāwhiti School

Our senior students have the option of a senior school jacket with the school logo printed on it. We are able to offer our Year 6 students, who are continuing on as Year 7 students with Rāwhiti School in 2017, a discounted price of \$50.00 per jacket, down from the normal cost of \$81.80. We will size your child with current jackets to ensure they receive the correct fitting.

We will be putting through an order for all families who wish to take up this offer on Friday 9th December 2016. Jackets will be available for your child at the beginning of the 2017 school year.

Payment will need to have been received in full by Friday 9th December 2016 to allow your order to be processed. You may wish to make this payment at the school office or via internet banking: 03 0814 0000333 25. Please reference your child's name.

A letter has been sent today with a form for you to complete.

Bike Helmets

As the opening of the bike track draws closer we are still looking for help from those who might be able to spare an hour or so to help assemble the 50 bikes. Many thanks to those of you who generously sponsored a helmet for children to use at school. The helmets are on display in the school office and for \$25 you can either sponsor one that will become part of the school stock so that all children who ride during school hours will be safe, or you can buy one for your own child. This is a great price for a top quality product, and is only available when these are purchased through the school.

PTA News

Baskets for the PTA Christmas Raffle

We're going to be running another one of our popular Christmas hamper raffles at the end of this term. We usually give away 20-30 food hampers as prizes for the lucky winners. If you happen to have any baskets or nice boxes that you don't mind donating, could you please bring them into the school office? Thanks so much.

Second Hand Uniforms

Do you have any uniform items your children have grown out of or no longer require? Then you might consider donating or selling them to another family. Or maybe you're looking to buy in the next size up. The PTA is holding a second hand uniform sale at school at the end of January before the start of Term 1 2017.

We plan to sell the polo shirts and fleeces at a fixed price for good second hand condition. We will also take any black separates in good order which will be sold very reasonably. If you would like to donate any items, or have the PTA sell on your behalf, then please email us at pta@rawhiti.school.nz there may also be an opportunity to sell your items in person at the sale for a small entry fee. Let us know.

We will circulate the dates for the January sale (likely over two days) before the end of term. Kia ora.

Community Notices

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

Family Fun Night – Monday 31st October

Everyone is welcome to the annual Family Fun Night from 5:00pm – 7:30pm @ Grace Vineyard Beach Campus, 111 Seaview Road, New Brighton. For only a gold coin donation, join in a large variety of carnival games, bouncy castles, arts & crafts, games, food (to purchase), live bands and entertainers. We encourage 'non-spooky' dress-up's because it's a safe & fun alternative to Trick or Treating. More info call Youth Alive Trust on 3881001.

Science Snippets sessions at Parklands Library

Rāwhiti School students are invited to Science Alive! Science Snippets in the Library sessions every Friday afternoon 3:30-4:30. The term is just kicking off and we want to let as many parents as possible know about this excellent free and fun science education programme for kids in the local library. Spot prizes too. Energetic Science Alive! Educators lead children through interactive activities to stimulate their interest in science, and there is something to take home every week! Free. No bookings required.

Fridays, 3:30-4:30 (term time), Parklands Library, 46 Queenspark Drive. Weblink for the science programme at Parklands

[https://christchurch.bibliocommons.com/events/search/fq=branch_location_id:\(PARKLANDS\)/event/57169fbd414af7d2590a11a7](https://christchurch.bibliocommons.com/events/search/fq=branch_location_id:(PARKLANDS)/event/57169fbd414af7d2590a11a7)

<http://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/science-alive/>

Family Free Movie Night

Saturday 29th October 2016

Come along and enjoy a FREE Family Friendly Movie.

@ 180 Queenspark Drive, Parklands Baptist Community Church.

Doors open at 5.45pm for those who want to come along and bring their dinner to eat before the movie starts.

Movie starts at 6.30pm

This month's Movie is an oldie but a goodie - come along and find out what we are showing :-)

Snacks and drinks available for purchase.

Bring your cushions or bean bags and enjoy a fun night out.



**"WANT TO TRY A NEW SUMMERSPORT"
"CALLED TAGFOOTBALL"
ALL AGES WELCOME: YRS 0 - 8 BROMLEY PARK (pages rd)**

**START DATES - 26TH OCT- 22 FEB
DEBS NEYLON 0272233395
NIME SHERLOCK 0212975624**

Hot Salt Water Pools project

The New Brighton Hot Salt Water Pools project is now open for feedback: www.ccc.govt.nz/haveyoursay

The Hot Salt Water Pools project has been talked about for some time now, through the New Brighton Suburban Master Plan, Christchurch City Council's Long Term Plan and ongoing local engagement. Development Christchurch Limited, working alongside Christchurch City Council, has taken the community's direction and come up with some ideas for how this project might work.

Hot salt water pools come in a lot of shapes and sizes, and we need to make sure that the next stage of planning reflects the community's thinking. This engagement is an opportunity for you to show your support for this project, as well as raise any concerns you might have. It's a big project, and a significant investment, and we value your input to inform how this project progresses.

Hard copy feedback forms are available at council service centres, libraries and at The Hub.

Drop-in sessions are at The Hub (Shop 5, 78 New Brighton Mall). If you are on Facebook, register your interest below, or just turn up.

Thursday 20 October, 6-8pm - <https://www.facebook.com/events/1120000778086248/>








Wednesday 2 November, 4-6pm - <https://www.facebook.com/events/1786841891563934/>

We will also be at:

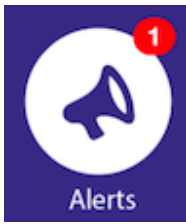
New Brighton Market - Saturday 22 and 29 October

Guy Fawkes - Saturday 5 November

Come and have a chat with the team for more information. The feedback period closes on Monday 7 November 2016.

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

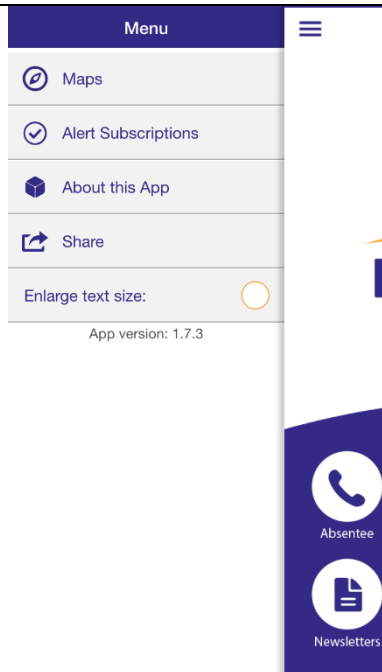
down menu 'Showing all' to view posts from a particular studio. If the user selects a post this will open up the blog on the users device



Alerts

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.

Alerts can also contain a link to a web page.



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.

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NEW BRIGHTON SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday 12 November From 11am to 7pm
Former Central New Brighton School - Seaview Road, New Brighton

Tickets available from EventFinder

NO SMOKING * NO ALCOHOL *** NO DOGS**



LIVE MUSIC
FREE KIDS ENTERTAINMENT/ACTIVITIES
FOOD & DRINK

Children (under 16) \$5
Adult \$10
Family (2 adults 3 kids) \$20



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