

From the Principal
Kia ora koutou

Spring has arrived and Rāwhiti School has reached another milestone. Alex (B9) has the distinction of being the 500th child to enrol in our school.

Logo and Uniform

Thank you for all the positive feedback about our fabulous new school logo. It seems that it has certainly ticked all the boxes in terms of what our community were looking for. We are really proud of the result School Branding Matters has achieved for us, and were happy to give our permission for them to use our logo for their own advertising purposes. Unfortunately they inadvertently published information as to our new uniform colours on social media, ahead of our own planned big reveal when the samples arrive – which will be any day now. We deeply regret that this happened, as we know how patiently you have been waiting to hear uniform news from us. Therefore, we are very excited to reveal the new Rawhiti School uniform to our school community today.

We had a fantastic response to the community survey, and that gave the committee a lot to consider when choosing the new uniform. It was clear that everyone wanted a unique uniform that was unlike those of the three merging schools, as well as a uniform that will stand out from our neighbouring schools. The colour purple proved to be by far the most popular colour with both children and adults. There was also much support for sunrise colours – to reflect both our name and our unique location. After much searching we settled on purple and orange - orange to reflect the sunrise and purple as a reflection of its popularity with the school community. Fortunately these two colours look fantastic when paired together. The bottom half of the uniform will be black.

Many hours have gone into the development of this uniform and I would like to thank the members of the uniform committee (Helen Parata, Karen Brandon, Jen Evans, Rachael Hemmingway and Kym Thompson) for their time and their commitment to finding something extraordinary.



Please note that the purple colour shown is not entirely accurate – our actual uniform is a much deeper ‘Cadbury’ purple. Much thought has also been given to the quality of these garments. Once we have the samples we will release all of the other uniform details - bottom half, sunhats etc.

Landscaping Plan

We are thrilled that the Ministry of Education has not only approved our landscaping plans for the Leaver Terrace site, they have also provided funding to ensure that much of the work can be completed prior to our move. This means that the most of the 'big ticket' items that we really wanted will go ahead – the scooter track, the large nature play area and sandpit, the outdoor amphitheatre, and the artificial turf. Sadly, we are unable to provide the live dinosaur pit desperately wanted by some of the junior children. A copy of the landscaping plan accompanies this newsletter. You'll also see that we have large paved areas in front of the learning studios, plenty of hardcourt areas, shade provision, and even some bridges!

Successes

I received a letter this week from the Christchurch School of Gymnastics telling me that two of our students - Ayliah M (Year 7) and Kiara C (Year 6) have been selected for the Canterbury Artistic Gymnastics Team and will be travelling to compete at the New Zealand National Championships in Auckland at the end of this month. Congratulations Ayliah and Kiara, your selection for this team recognises your long hours of hard work and dedication. We all wish you both the best of luck.

We also have our fingers and toes crossed for the children from Q8 and Q10 and their teachers Teresa Price and Sue Tait. Both classes have made it to the finals of the DigiAwards 2015 in the Year 1 - 3 Movie Category. The DigiAwards enable children to understand digital technologies and allow them to explore their creative side. The award ceremony is tonight at Burnside High.

Our teachers have also had a win! We have won a years subscription for an eTV and Zaption teaching package worth over \$5000. Many teachers spend time searching the web for relevant video snippets to share with learners. eTV's library of footages is huge and if they don't have what you need they willingly find something suitable. We've been on a trial version of Zaption, so having the full version will add another dimension for our learners, meaning we can manipulate footage, add questions, photos and create an engaging digital literacy experience for all. The cost of using this resource would normally have to be passed on to parents, so thank you Interface Magazine.

Year 6 Information Session

On Thursday the 10th of September all of our Year 6 children will be visiting the Leaning Studio at QEII Base for the afternoon to take part in some of our senior programmes. This will be followed by a Parent Information session at 3.00pm for those parents who were unable to attend the meeting at the beginning of the term. We encourage you to collect your child from the QEII Base on Thursday the 10th and attend the Parent Session. This will give you more information about what Rāwhiti School has to offer your child for their important Year 7 & 8 school years.

Whooping Cough

Unfortunately, we have had 3 confirmed cases of Whooping Cough (Pertussis) on the Beach Base. The disease often begins with the same symptoms as a "cold", followed within days by an irritating, persistent cough which gets worse and may last for several weeks. If whooping cough is suspected ***your child should be seen by a doctor*** and kept away from others. A child with whooping cough should be off school or preschool until he/she has taken 5 days of a course antibiotics. If the antibiotic is not taken, the person should be kept away from others for three weeks from the onset of the cough.

If your child is unwell in any way, please keep them home from school until they are clear of illness. Please read the information from the Health Department on the last page of this newsletter.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa
Liz Weir



These children have shared fantastic work with Liz, Paul or Helen this week.

Room Q11: Jordan, Ayla, Jai

Room Q2: Toby, Riley, Aidan, Zoie, Maea, James, Liam, Ava

Room Q5/6: Rosie, Pepper, Ari, Will, Ben, Ashton

Room Q8: Hannah, Manutaki, Asha, Robbie, Hannah, Jeneva, Caitlyn

Room Q10: Tara, Maia, Reuben, Liam, Mason, Adam, Lincoln, Jack,

Tamoroa, Dexter, James, Nastasiya

Room Q9: Logan, Tufunga

Room Q7: Muika, Leo, Izzy

Calendar of Events



September

Sept 7: QE2 Base Assembly 2.15

Sept 10: Year 6 Parent Info meeting 3pm

Sept 11: Beach Base Assembly 10am

Sept 18: Loud shirt Mufti Day

Sept 24: Whole School Assembly

Sept 25: End of term

SCHOOL NOTICES

Library Amnesty:

At the moment there are a large number of overdue books - some taken out in April and May.

Overdue notices are distributed weekly, with letters going home if they have been overdue for some considerable time. Children, when questioned, quite often know where the books are but have forgotten to return them. Could parents/guardians please help their child search and ensure that books found are returned to the relevant base library as soon as possible.

Thank you for your co-operation.

MUFTI DAY - Friday 18th September (week 9)

We are supporting this worthwhile cause as we have seven students in our school who have partial or full hearing loss. Posters will be going up at both bases but please promote this with your classes, and encourage students to bring a gold coin donation.

I have some (and have ordered some more) stickers which teachers can give out to students on the day to say thanks for their donation. I will put these into trays closer to the time.

Let's make some noise!

On Wednesday night some of our Year 5/6 children performed the ukulele in the annual Strum Strike Blow concert at Horncastle Arena. Our 15 children played alongside 1000 other children who were playing a variety of ukuleles, recorders and marimbas. They played a variety of songs ranging from Taylor Swift to Dragon and all of the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. These children represented our school beautifully by playing well and behaving impeccably.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Worry Bug Project

A unique new resource, The Worry Bug Project, is landing in Canterbury schools, to support families and schools with anxiety as the region recovers from the earthquakes.

The Worry Bug Project consists of two books 'Wishes and Worries' (for use in classrooms) and 'Maia and The Worry Bug' (for use at home) that have been written by registered psychologist Julie Burgess-Manning and teacher Sarina Dickson who are both Christchurch mothers. They have been illustrated by a ward-winning artist Jenny Cooper and have the support of the Children's Commissioner Dr Russell Wills.

Thanks to funding from the Canterbury Community Trust and the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust, the books will be distributed for FREE to every new entrant to Year 4 class and their students in Christchurch city and the Selwyn and Waimakariri districts.

You also have an important opportunity to shape future work with children after a natural disaster. Massey University are studying the Worry Bug Project and need the help of parents and teachers to better understand how it is for you, and how the project helped. Information will come home with the books or visit www.theworrybug.co.nz

Youth Alive

"Your little girl is heading to High School soon and you don't know where the time has gone! She's growing up so fast, so treasure these times while you can, and spend some quality time together - just you two! Join other local Mum's and Daughters on a relaxing couple of days away from the norm, having fun, learning together, experiencing new things together and most importantly - making memories!
12-13 September, \$80 each pair but there is parenting scholarships available which would cover the cost. Visit www.youthalivetrust.org.nz for more info and to sign up."

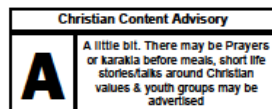
The Fine Print

I understand that the staff and supervisors will exercise all care in running the programme, but realise accidents can happen.
I understand that my child and I will be responsible for our property and behaviour while part of your programme.

By signing this form you give consent for Youth Alive Trust and Staff to:

- ⇒ Take photos/video during group activities for promotional which may be used for publicity including our Facebook and website. Please let us know in writing if you do not approve of this.
- ⇒ Send you flyers about future YAT activities.
- ⇒ Authorize any medical care urgently required.

Signed: _____



Feedback from 2015's Father Son Camp

"This would be the best 36 hours I have ever spent with my son"

"It was very good helped me with my relationship with my dad."

"Just good one on one time"

"I believe the whole thing was perfect. I met children and dads who I normally would possibly never talk to"



Contact Details

For enquiries call Amber Paterson:

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Where to return your form to:

Pass Your Registration form *with payment* to:
Amber Paterson either at school or at the Youth Alive Trust office - 111 Seaview Rd, New Brighton

Send Your Registration form *with payment* to:
Amber Paterson, Youth Alive Trust,
111 Seaview Road, New Brighton, Chch, 8061

Drop Your Registration form *with payment*:
Into the school office
Rawhiti (QE2 base), NBC & SNBS ONLY

Online Recycle Your Registration form and register online at www.yat.org.nz

Make Cheques out to Youth Alive Trust
Eftpos is available at the Youth Alive Trust Office
Payment can be made online,
our account is ANZ 11-7892-0066444-00
(please reference MD Camp and your surname)

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Mother Daughter Camp



For Years 7 & 8's and their Mums

Sept 12th-13th 2015

Hanmer Springs



*Spending quality time with each other,
making lifetime memories...*

October 2015 Holiday Programme fun!

The October school holidays are approaching fast... Sport Canterbury have action packed programmes with exciting activities and awesome excursions open for bookings now!

Active Kids is an exciting structured programme of sport, physical activity and play for primary school aged children. The programmes are safe and affordable; there are a number of programme/venue options to suit you and your children's needs.

Visit our website for full details: <http://www.sportcanterbury.org.nz/new-zealand/holiday-programmes/>

WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER? Burwood Park Tennis

Invites you to join us for:

Hotshots is for you! To register contact us at: www.burwoodparktennisclub.kiwi Or email us at: bptcjuniors@gmail.com

Come to the Community Play day at Burwood Park (55 Creswell Ave) from 9:30 to 11:30:

Juniors Saturday 29th August,

Saturday 5th September,

Saturday 19th September



Audition Call

Act2 Drama Group is thrilled to invite persons of all ages to audition for our next production....

101 Dalmatians

Written by Dodie Smith and Directed by Fay Barnes

This production will be performed as part of the **SummerTimes** season
9th - 16th January 2016

Auditions

Saturday 19th September 2015

Richmond Community Cottage.

78 London Street

Richmond

Christchurch

Please call, text or email Fay to book your audition time

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GREY GOOSE WING ARCHERY SOCIETY

Stuck for something to do during the School Holiday ???
Try your hand at Archery!

Age 10 and upwards, adults included! Booking is essential, as numbers are limited. Held at: Catholic Cathedral College, off Ferry Road.
Cost \$20 per 2 hour session.

Day	Date	Time - am	Time - pm
Tuesday	29 th September	10:30 – 12:30	1:30 – 3:30
Wednesday	30 th September	10:30 – 12:30	1:30 – 3:30
Tuesday	6 th October	10:30 – 12:30	1:30 – 3:30
Thursday	8 th October	10:30 – 12:30	1:30 – 3:30

Please contact: Maria Tucker on 383 3837 or gqwas@outlook.co.nz or www.ggw-archery.weebly.com..

Your coach has many years experience and registered to Archery New Zealand.

Whooping Cough (Pertussis) fact sheet

What is whooping cough?

Whooping cough, also known as pertussis, is an infectious disease of the airways caused by the bacteria *Bordetella pertussis*. It can affect persons of any age and is particularly serious and occasionally life-threatening for children aged under 1 year. Complications include pneumonia, seizures, brain damage and weight loss. It is spread by coughing and develops within 6-20 days (usually 9-10 days) of a person coming into contact with the disease.

What are the symptoms?

The disease often begins with the same symptoms as a "cold", followed within days by an irritating, persistent cough which gets worse and may last for several weeks.

Bouts of coughing result in breathlessness which causes the characteristic "whoop" on breathing in. This may be associated with vomiting. Adults and infants may not have the "whoop".

Diagnosis can be confirmed by one of three tests depending on how long it has been since the onset of the illness and the urgency for a result. The PCR test and culture for the pertussis bacteria are both done from a swab of the back of the nose. A blood test can be done although it is not usually recommended because it may not be conclusive and is often too late to influence management.

How is it caught?

Whooping cough is caught from the airways secretions of an infected person and by droplets produced by coughing or sneezing. A person is infectious for 3-4 weeks from the onset of the first symptoms.

How is it treated?

An antibiotic if given early, can reduce symptoms and shorten the infectious period.

If whooping cough is suspected, the person should be seen by a doctor and kept away from others and especially children under one year of age, women in the late stage of pregnancy and anyone who is vulnerable, such as someone with lung or heart disease who is likely to have a more serious illness if infected.

The person with whooping cough should be off work, school or preschool until he/she has taken 5 days of a course of antibiotic. If the antibiotic is not taken, the person should be kept away from others for three weeks from the onset of the cough.

A doctor can advise about treatment of symptoms. The cough is often distressing for preschoolers, but bed rest, plenty of fluids and small bland meals can be helpful in management and may lessen trigger factors for the cough.

Keep in contact with your doctor especially if the illness persists.

How is the disease prevented?

Up to date immunisation is the most effective means of preventing the disease and controlling it in a household, preschool/school and the community.

♣ Five pertussis vaccinations are given as part of the National Childhood Immunisation Schedule. These are given free by your local doctor. Immunised children may still develop whooping cough but it is usually not as severe.

An immunisation booster is recommended for certain adults to protect them from getting whooping cough because they have or will have contact with those who are most vulnerable. They include midwives, nurses, health care workers, preschool workers, pregnant women and others in a household where a new born infant is expected.

How is spread prevented?

Antibiotics are given to people who have been in contact with whooping cough for either of two reasons: 1) if they are likely to develop a serious disease if infected or 2) to prevent them spreading whooping cough to others who are likely to have a serious illness if infected. For instance:

♣ Where there is a household or preschool with a child under one year at risk because a person has recently been diagnosed with whooping cough, members of the household or those attending a particular preschool session may need antibiotics.

- ♣ When someone develops whooping cough in a household where there is a woman in the late stage of pregnancy, all persons in that household should receive a course of antibiotic to prevent possible future spread to the newborn infant.
- ♣ Where a midwife, nurse or carer is a contact, antibiotic is recommended for them to prevent spread to babies or those at risk of more serious disease.

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