

Newsletter 13 : 25 August



From The Principal

Kia ora koutou

Just like the Olympics our winter sport programme comes to a close this week – and in what has to be the worst timing ever our new sports uniforms are due to arrive tomorrow having been held up in Auckland by customs. However, the absence of lovely new uniforms has not hindered team performances this season. A huge thank you to all our coaches, managers, and team supporters - a lot of effort goes into getting this number of children onto the field/court/pitch each week and our teachers alone could not manage this without all our parent and community supporters.

Our musicians and performers have also been getting a workout. Our band and choir entertained at the Mairehau High School performance last Friday, our 'Strum Strike Blow' players are heading off to their dress rehearsal as I write, and our advanced kapa haka group are into their final week of practises ahead of the Cultural Festival next week.

Over the past few weeks we have had a number of visitors from schools in Queenstown, Arrowtown, Auckland and Christchurch looking not just at our new buildings, but at how our children and teachers are operating in the spaces. It is always a valuable experience to see our place through another set of eyes, and great to hear our children and teachers talking about their experiences and how they are managing change.

Playground Activities and Duty

From time to time parents tell us there is nothing for children to do in our playground so I thought I would share with you exactly how much is on offer each day. During the 20 minute morning play break there are 5 teachers on duty plus another teacher running an activity. In the 30 minute breaks there are 5 teachers in the grounds plus 1 in the library, 1 running an activity and 1 taking lunch club.

In addition to the usual games that children play or invent in the playground, each day teachers offer an organised activity at each of the three play breaks. Activities are designed to appeal to a range of children. We offer Go Noodle, Parachute games, Dodgeball, Soccer, Hockey and Jump Jam for those children looking for a physical challenge. Those looking for a warm indoor space are supervised in the library during the longer lunch breaks, or can watch a movie in one of the studios. In addition we have 'Lunch Club' each day for those who need the support of a whanau setting for lunch eating, and we regularly have our Youth Alive support workers and our school social worker offering extra activities. The timetable of activities for this term is published further on in this newsletter.

Paid Union Meeting—7th September at 12.30pm

The Government has announced a proposal to dramatically change the way schools are funded. Principals and Boards of Trustees would have to make trade-offs between teaching staff and other costs schools face. The Government's current funding review is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to better fund education. NZEI Te Riu Roa and PPTA are the unions that represent more than 60,000 teachers and support staff from birth to year 13. It is important for union members in our school to attend these meetings to hear more about the proposal and have a say about how we get better funding not bulk funding.

The meetings are paid union meetings, therefore we are asking you to pick your children up at **12.00pm on Wednesday September 7th** to allow our staff to attend the meeting. If this is impossible, please contact the school office as soon as possible so that we can make appropriate arrangements for your child. Rāwhiti OSCAR will collect their students at 12pm on that day.



Board of Trustees

We are pleased to announce that Thomas Parata has been selected to fill the casual vacancy on the board of Trustees. Thomas brings a Maori perspective to our board, an area identified as lacking within the existing board structure.

The board will now start work on succession planning. Parents interested in becoming board members at some stage in the next 18 months should make themselves known to our board chair, Karen Brandon, by emailing bot@rawhiti.school.nz. Board meetings are always open to the public and dates can be found on our web site and in the school newsletter.

Thankyou to the parents who attended one of the meetings about the proposed new enrolment zone. If you have any questions as to how the zone might impact on your family, you can email zone@rawhiti.school.nz, or make an appointment to meet with Liz.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Liz Weir

Principal Awards

Rongo-ma-tane Brooke W, Bailey R, Tyson. Maea
Haumai tike- tike Dasha



Calendar of Events

August

29 Year 7/8 Ski Day
31 Cultural Festival Night

September

01 PTA Meeting 7.30pm
02 Assembly 9.15am
07 PPTA NZEI Teachers Meetings 12.30
09 School Photos

School Notices

School Photos

School Photos are being taken at school on Friday 9th September, all students will have an individual photo taken, and each class will have a class photo taken. There is no commitment to purchase any of these photos of your child/ren. It is expected that all students are in the correct school uniform.

If you wish for family photos to be taken please complete the form at the bottom of this newsletter and return to the school office by Monday 5th September.

Activities and Trips

There is a lot going on with trips and activities with some year 7 and 8 students involved in a ski trip and Koru Games, Year 5 & 6 students going on camp, and Rongo-Ma-Tane planning a trip to QEII gym.

Year 7 & 8 students will know who have been chosen to attend the Koru Games in September and the cost of this is \$35.00. Payment must be received in full by Friday 9th September or regular weekly payments must have been set up. Year 5 & 6 students are going on camp late September. The cost is \$125.00 per student with the deposit of \$50.00 required by Friday 26th August and the balance by Friday 16th September. Payment must be received in full or regular weekly payments must have been set up. Rongo-Ma-Tane are going to QEII Gym in September and the cost is \$10.00 per student. Payment must be received in full or regular weekly payments must have been set up.

ADVANCED NOTICE – Touch Rugby Beginning Term 4

Touch Rugby will start again in Term 4 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 Rawhiti Domain. Depending on numbers we are looking to enter one team per grade. **The cost is \$35.00 per student.** This covers the entry fees and works out to be about \$2 per game. **Touch starts on 17th October 2016. Payment must be received in full for your child to play.**

We would ask that you make this payment, either in whole through internet banking, cash or eft-pos, or by regular weekly payments to ensure this 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.

If payment is causing some anxiety for you please contact Cheryl or Jan, 3889 519, to discuss options and how we can assist you as soon as possible.

Proposed Enrolment Zone for Rāwhiti School

**Addresses on both sides of boundary roads are included in the zone unless otherwise stated.*

- From the Intersection of Anzac Drive and Frosts Road
- North on Frosts Road to Beach Road
- East on Beach Road to Marine Parade,
- South on Marine Parade to Hood Street (including Marine Pde to Rodney St),
- West on Hood Street to Union Street (including Oram Ave to Rodney St, and Ida St),
- South on Union Street to Owles Terrace
- West on Owles Terrace to Hardy Street (including Owles St to Rodney St)
 - Addresses 10-24 Evans Avenue, and Admirals Way numbers 20 and 22-33 are also included.
- From the Owles St / Hardy St intersection,
- North west on Owles Terrace to New Brighton Road,
- North west on New Brighton Road to Anzac Drive,
- North on Anzac Drive to Frosts Road



KidsCan Mufti Day

We will be holding a mufti day on Friday 2nd September to support KidsCan's National Mufti day FUNdraiser. KidsCan support our school in a number of ways including providing food for lunches. We are asking all students who were mufti to bring a gold coin donation to support this worthy cause.



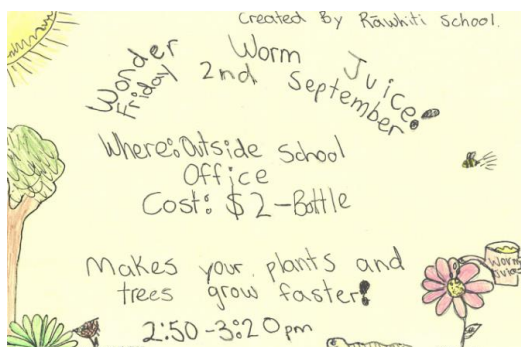
Year 6

Thank you to all those who took the time to attend the Year 7/8 information sessions earlier this term. We now require an indication as to where our current Year 6 children will be attending school in 2017. This information is required to ensure that we are able to allocate appropriate space and teaching staff to our senior team. A return form was posted home to all our Year 6 families. Please complete and return to the office by the end of the term.

Rāwhiti Worm Farmers

In Term one Miss Stevenson started up an Enviro group. The Enviro group started to make a worm farm because our lovely Caretaker Georgina had to try and pick up the heavy bags with all the fruit scraps in them.

When our worm farm was up and running Miss Stevenson brought blue buckets to put our food scraps in. Once a week we took the buckets over to the worm farm and put the scraps in. The worm farm started to get too full, so then we made a compost bin. At the moment we are creating a documentary about worm farming.



The Enviro group will be selling bottles of worm juice for \$2 dollars on Friday 2nd September, from 2.50 pm to 3.20 pm, outside the school office. Watch your plants grow to success! From Kane



Community Notices

After School Care

Are you looking for before school care? I can help. I live close to the school and both my boys are going to Rāwhiti currently. My house has had its earthquake repairs done and is nice and warm on these cold mornings. I have a modern car which has a current registration and WOF but on warm summer mornings we will walk to school with my dog Roxy. If you are interested ring Viv Home 3887390 or Cell 0212575959.

Active Kids Holiday Programmes

September registrations now open!

Week 1 - Monday 26th - Friday 30th Sept

Week 2 - Monday 3rd - Friday 7th Oct

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. OSCAR subsidies available.

Visit our website for full details:

<http://www.sportcanterbury.org.nz/new-zealand/holiday-programmes/>

**** SKELLERUP ALLSTARS ****

HEY..... 4 to 7 year old girls we'd love to see you

We are looking for more members for our super LITTLE marching team to have a BIG lot of fun

We train at Queenspark School Hall on a Sunday morning (9am -10am at the moment)

Please phone us or come along. Ph: Emma 027 393 7739 or Xanthe 027 304 0804 (text)

PCU Softball Club
































Registration Day

Sunday 21st August

10am - 12pm at New Brighton Tennis Club

Rawhiti Domain, Shaw Avenue, New Brighton

Playground Activities – Term 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning Tea 10.40 - 11.00 (20 mins)	Go Noodle Location: Hall 	Parachute Games Location: Grass outside office 	Dodgeball Location:Hall 	Ball Games Location:Hall 	Dodgeball Location Hall 
Lunch 12.10 -12.30 (20 mins)	Soccer Location: Astro-turf  Library 	Hockey Location: Astro-Turf  Library 	Ball Games Location:Hall  Library 	Dodgeball Location Hall  Library 	Soccer Location: Astro-turf  Library 
Break 1.30 -2.00 (30 mins)	Dodgeball Location Hall  Library  Movie  W4-6 Tawhirimatea W7-9 Tangaroa Junior Choir Location:Rongo-ma-tane 	Dodgeball Location: Hall  Library  Movie  W4-6 Tawhirimatea W7-9 Tangaroa	Soccer Location: Astro-Turf  Library  Movie  W4-6 Tawhirimatea W7-9 Tangaroa	Jump Jam Location:Hall  Library  Movie  W4-6 Tawhirimatea W7-9 Tangaroa	Ball Games Location:Hall  Library  Movie  W4-6 Tawhirimatea W7-9 Tangaroa

SCHOOL PHOTOS 9 September 2016

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If you wish for family photos to be taken please complete the form below and
return to the school office BY MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2016.

It is really important that these forms are returned by this date.



FAMILY PHOTOS 9TH SEPTEMBER 2016

I wish for my children to have their family photo taken on Friday 9th September 2016.

Name: _____

Room:

Name: _____

Room:

Name: _____

Room