

From the Principal



Kia ora koutou

Welcome back to a new year of inquiry and discovery at Rāwhiti School. It was lovely to see everyone back yesterday. A particularly warm welcome to families who are new to Rāwhiti School this year, and to our new teaching staff: Urmi Shah, Alison Beech, Eugene Becconsall, Judith Boeren and Rachel McLaughlin. Thanks to all of you who attended the mihi whakatau yesterday when we formally welcomed new children and whānau to our kura. Our starting roll of 530 is our highest yet (we seem to be saying that every year!).

**Success      Angitu      'We Achieve'**

One of our core RISE values is Success, and we will be working hard to promote this with children throughout the year. So what does Success mean? It means that we strive to make progress and better ourselves. We set goals, we aim high and we celebrate everyone's achievements.

To help us celebrate children's achievements outside of school we are setting up a new email address [success@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:success@rawhiti.school.nz)

Often we are unaware that a child has won a sports award, passed a music exam, or achieved something extra special that whanau are really proud of. You are welcome to email us with news of something their child has achieved outside of school, and we will celebrate this with our whole community by including it in our fortnightly newsletter.

**Open Night**

Next Wednesday (Feb 7<sup>th</sup>) we will be having an Open Night here at school. The school will be open between 5pm and 7pm for your family to come along –bring your own tea, chat with the teachers in the studios, meet new families, and take the opportunity to ride on our bike track, have a swim, or play in our grounds. If you missed the Getting Connected meetings earlier in the week then this would be a great opportunity to connect with the Kaiawhina for your child.



## **Our School Day**

Our timetable for the day remains the same as last year.

9am Block One

10.40 Play Time

11am Snack time – in Learning Studio

11.15 Block Two

12.15 Play Time

12.45 Lunch eating – in Learning Studio

1pm Block Three

2pm Play Time

2.15 Block Four

3pm End of Day

Many of our teachers make an early start to the day as they find the uninterrupted time before school valuable for working on their planning and assessment tasks, or squeezing in additional meetings. Already this week we have had a number of children being dropped at school as early as 7am, and a steady stream of arrivals from 7.30am. If you are choosing to drop your children at school this early please be aware that we are not responsible for them at this hour and cannot provide supervision for them. From 8.30am all teachers are 'on duty' and available to children and parents in the Learning Studios.

## **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 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

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A reminder that school will be closed next Tuesday as it is Waitangi Day.

**Ngā mihi nu nui ki a koutou**  
**Liz Weir**

## School Notices

### Parents of 2018 Year 7-8 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 2018, a discounted price of \$65.00 per jacket, down from the normal cost of \$115.00. We will be placing a final order on February 16<sup>th</sup>, if your child would like to order a jacket payment needs to be made in full by the 16<sup>th</sup> February.

### Accounts

**Technicraft** fees for our Year 7 & 8 students are \$75.00 for the full year. This fee covers the cost of materials used by your child for the things they make at Technicraft on Thursdays. The cost of transport to Technicraft is funded by the Ministry of Education. The buses leave school at 8.30am so please make sure your child is at school early on Thursday's.

Internet banking is available – 03 0814 0000333 25. Please put your child's name as a reference.

## 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.

<b>Learning Concerns</b>	<b>Pastoral Concerns</b>  <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>	<b>Concern relating to particular learning or physical needs.</b>  <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>	<b>Issues relating to staff</b>	<b>Concerns &amp; Queries relating to school school accounts and finances</b>
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<p>If the Kaiawhina is unable to help please contact the Team Leader.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p>		<p>If the Kaiawhina is unable to help please arrange an appointment with Lauren McDonnell, our Learning Support Coordinator.</p>		
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<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 <a href="mailto:admin@rawhiti.school.nz">admin@rawhiti.school.nz</a></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>				



Rāwhiti School is running a food stall again at the finish line of the Coast to Coast race on Saturday 10th February, for the entire day (& evening). All the profits from this day will be going towards the construction of a new playground equipment at the school.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Friday 9th February – Rawhiti Staffroom

- COOKING (2 – 5.30pm): We need some cooks to help us cook a large volume of beef nacho sauce and vegetarian bean nachos in preparation for sales the next day

Saturday 10th February – New Brighton Beach

- SETUP (8.30 – 11am): We need people to help us load the gear onto trailers and set up the gazebos & food stall at the location next to the New Brighton library

- LUNCH SALES (11am – 3pm): We need people to man the BBQs, serve nachos and pork rolls and do the sales.

- DINNER (3pm – 7pm): A second shift of people to do food sales (as above)

- PACK DOWN (7pm – 9pm): Final sales and then clean up and pack down into trailers.

**\* If you can volunteer some of your time please text Steph on 021-136-5391 or email [pta@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:pta@rawhiti.school.nz). If you can come at different times than those stated above that would be fine, just let us know. Thanks!**

We understand that not everyone is able to help us out on that weekend, due to other commitments, but we wondered if you might be able to donate some items instead, to help us increase our profits on the day.

### **ITEMS TO DONATE (if you can)**

- Canned tomatoes - Tomato or BBQ sauce (refills are fine)
- Canned red kidney beans - Mustard
- Canned black beans - Mayonnaise
- Clean ice-cream containers

**\* If you have any of these items you can donate for the food stall, please bring them in to the office on WEDNESDAY 7th FEB (the day after Waitangi Day). Thanks!**

### **ITEMS TO BORROW (if possible)**

- Large catering buckets/containers
- Crock pots or slow cookers

**\* Please contact us on [pta@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:pta@rawhiti.school.nz) if you have any of these we can borrow, or text Steph on 021-136-5391. Thanks!**

*Thanks so much for your support*

## **Community Notices**

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

### **Canvas Bag Drama School South Brighton!**

Is your child dramatic? Do they love dressing up and acting out stories?

Canvas Bag Drama School are running 2 classes for children at St Luke's Church Hall, 212 Pine Ave.. There are limited places available. So be in quick.

Thumbelina: 5 -7 years (Thursdays 3.30-4.30)

Starfleet Class: 8-12 years (Thursdays 4.30 -5.30)

Our classes combine a structured fun-filled social environment with extensive use of improvisation and role-play to develop positive feelings of self-worth and the ability to confidently express thoughts and feelings.

Classes are run by a qualified drama teacher - Gina Fowler

Please enquire at [g.fowler.atsltd@gmail.com](mailto:g.fowler.atsltd@gmail.com) or 022 351 2519 or check out our web page for more information.

[www.canvasbag.nz](http://www.canvasbag.nz)

### **Father & Son Camp 2018**

This annual camp is for intermediates and their Dads, it's an awesome weekend away of great food, outdoor pursuits, opportunities for quality time and a few discussions. Camp lasts 2 nights of quality time together from 2-4th March in the Canterbury high country. It is heavily subsidised so costs just \$120 for each father son pair. More info and online sign up

at: <http://www.youthalivetrust.org.nz/camps/fsc/> If you have any other questions please let me know

Thanks Matthew Barnes Mob: 027-257-1768 Office: 03-388-1001



### Call office or email

*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.*

*After the parent/caregiver selects 'send' they will receive an email with the details they have submitted.*



### Contacts

*Contact details are listed for staff at Rāwhiti School.*

**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.*



### Links

*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.*



### Calendar

*Links directly to the school web calendar.*

*If the user selects an event this can then be saved to their own calendar on their device.*



### Newsletters

*Direct link to our school newsletters and if a particular newsletter is selected it will open on the user's device.*



### Term Dates

*User can view the school term dates for the year.*



## Class Blogs

*RSS feeds from school blogs at Rāwhiti School.*

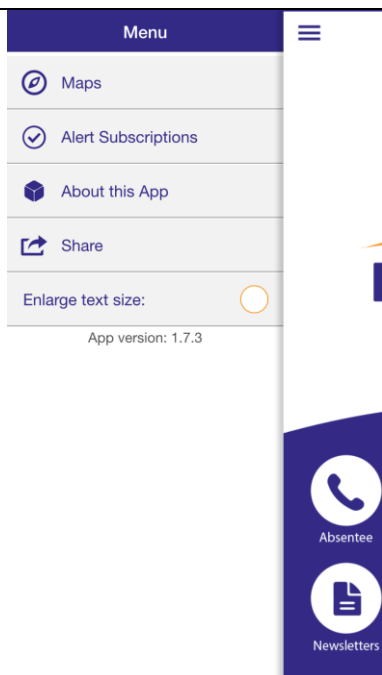
**Tip:** *After selecting 'Class Blogs,' the user can use the top drop down menu 'Showing all' to view posts from a particular studio. If the user selects a post this will open up the blog on the users device*



## 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.*