

### From The Principal

**Kia ora koutou**

**Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa**

We continue to experience 'firsts' associated with our school. Last week a large number of Rāwhiti friends and whanau were in the audience at the Christchurch Cultural Festival to see our kapahaka group take to the stage for the first time in this event. I am not ashamed to say that I was in tears from the moment they took the stage – representing our school, but also reflecting the hours of work that had gone into getting them to the stage. Their performance was superb, they looked stunning, and they exuded pride in themselves and in our school. If you were not able to be there, or see them in assembly last week, then do take the time to check them out on our school Facebook page.



Then at the weekend our first school band, Liquefaction, took to the stage at the Rockshop Bandquest and won a cash prize for the Best Original Song. We can't wait to hear this piece at their next performance.

Thank you for making alternative arrangements for your children yesterday to allow our teachers and support staff to attend the union meeting to unpack how the proposed global funding of schools is going to impact on their jobs. We understand that any change to school opening hours is challenging for working parents – and fortunately it is rare that we have to take such action.

### Staff Updates

It is with much sadness that we inform our school community that Wayne McQueen lost his wife Annette earlier this week, after a lengthy battle with cancer. We thank you for your support and understanding throughout what has been a difficult time for all of us, and know that you join with us in sending supportive thoughts to Wayne and his three sons as they begin the process of adjusting to life without Annette. We anticipate that Wayne will be away on bereavement leave for the rest of the term.

The Board of Trustees has regretfully accepted the resignation of Tamara Kerr who will be leaving Rāwhiti at the end of next week to take up a new career opportunity at the Christchurch Polytech. We wish Tamara all the very best in her new endeavours. To ensure continuity for the children in Haumia-tiketike Elizabeth Kazmierczak, our eLearning Facilitator, will be taking on a full time teaching role in Haumia-tiketike for the rest of the year.



## School Dates 2017

The Board of Trustees has approved the following dates for 2017. Legislation says the school must be open for operation for 388 half days.

- **Term 1:** Tuesday January 31<sup>st</sup> to Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- **Term 2:** Monday May 1<sup>st</sup> to Friday July 7<sup>th</sup>.
- **Term 3:** Monday July 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday September 29<sup>th</sup>.
- **Term 4:** Monday October 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Parking

We have noticed some very unsafe parking manoeuvres in our school car park that are putting our children at grave risk of injury. Please do not use the school car park as a drop off and pick up point for children – even when it is raining. The last wet day we had there were cars reversing and doing 3-point turns in the car park, with children running (and in some cases scooting) between moving vehicles to get to the main access path. We are concerned that for the sake of keeping one child dry another child is going to be seriously injured.

Please note that the sign at the gate says staff parking only. The exception to this is that there are two disability parking spaces in the school car park, for the specific use of vehicles displaying a valid disability permit. If you do not have the correct permit, please do not enter the car park. If both of the designated spaces are being used by permit holders then drivers are not to park at the end of the car park where there are no road markings.

Our staff will continue to ask those who are incorrectly parked to move their vehicles. Sadly I have to report that a number of our staff have been verbally abused by parents, in front of children, when reinforcing safe parking practice. We all need to remember our responsibilities in regards to the health and safety of children, and also our responsibility in regards to modelling acceptable behaviour to children.

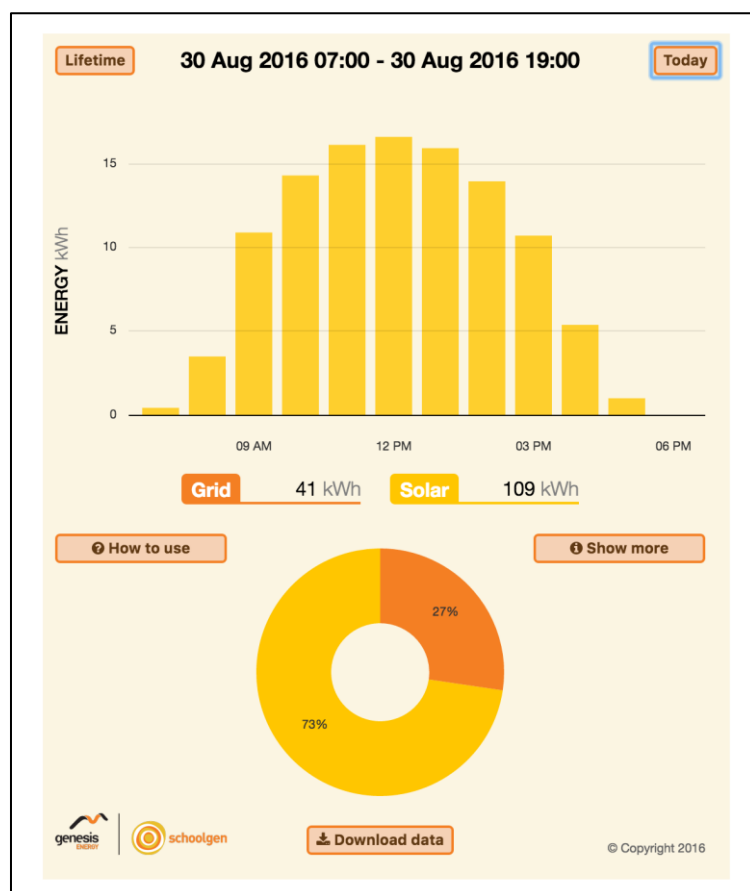
## Solar Savings

We continue to be impressed with the savings we are making from our solar panels. Here's a snap shot of just one day last week.

Since February we have generated 15,863 kWh of energy. That's enough to run 7343 personal computers or 1784 42" Plasma TVs continuously for a day. By using solar energy we have saved 3.1 tonnes of CO2 emissions, which is equivalent to 18,089 km of driving. Well worth the initial investment!

## New Sports Uniforms

Our new sports uniforms were revealed at School Assembly last week. They look fantastic and were modelled so well by our teacher and student volunteers.



## Principal Awards

Rongo Ma Tane: Tyson, Madison, Alex, James, Layton, Montahna, Charli, Aidan, Riley S, Morgan, Tamaroa, Mayden Rose, Abby B, Zoie, Liam B, Shayde, Sitia

Papatuanuku – Jas, Lexie, Connor

Tawhitimatea: Zoe F



## Calendar of Events

### September

- 09 School Photos
- 13 Rongo Ma Tane Gymnastics QE2
- 14 Duffy Role Model Assembly 9.30am  
Ata Hapara whanau hui 5.30pm
- 15 Board of Trustees 6.30pm
- 20 Rongo Ma Tane Gymnastics QE2
- 20-22 Tawhitimatea Camp at Blue Skies
- 23 Loud Shirt Day  
End of Term 3

## School Notices

### School Photos

School Photos are being taken at school tomorrow, 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.

### Kids Can Mufti Day

We raised \$632.10 with our Mufti Day last week. What a great effort.

### Well Done

Well done to Charlotte Thompson who competed in Gymnastics over the weekend in Timaru. She competes at Step 5, and came 7<sup>th</sup> overall, and 1<sup>st</sup> on bar. Her team was placed second. Charlotte will be representing Canterbury at the Nationals in Invercargill during the school holidays. Mikayla was also at the comp and competed her best routines this year with a smile on her face the whole time.

### Loud Shirt Day

We are having a mufti day to raise awareness and a donation to support students with hearing difficulties on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Loud Shirt Day is all about being 'heard' by wearing your brightest and most colourful clothes. Gold coin donation



## Community Notices

### Intermediates Event – Epic Sk8 Disco

A joint Eastside Sk8 Disco is being held at Cowles Stadium on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September from 7:00pm – 9:30pm. Tickets cost \$10, including Skate Hire. A Café is also available. Tickets from the school office or Youth Alive Trust or one of the local intermediate youth groups (attached poster)

### 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.

### Holiday Programmes

#### September Holiday Programme

Sign up is now available for the Junior and Senior Holiday Programmes from 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September. WINZ subsidies available. Full programme, costs and sign up at this link: <https://yat.aimyplus.com>

#### Surfkids

Children's Surfing Programme. Learn the skills of Surfing in a fun, safe environment. All equipment provided and professional instruction from Aaron Lock and team. For kids 8 - 14 years. School Holidays 10 am -12 pm. 26, 28, 30 September 3 - 7 October. Sundays 10am -12 pm from 30 October. Cost \$30 per day or \$135 for five. Bookings essential. Venue :Sumner. Call Aaron on 0800 80 SURF (7873) or register online at [www.surfcoach.co.nz](http://www.surfcoach.co.nz)

#### Rawhiti Community Sports

Rawhiti Community Sports Inc are taking enrolments for the SEPT/OCT school holidays. Please check our website [www.rawhiticommunity.co.nz](http://www.rawhiticommunity.co.nz) for details of activities , prices etc. Enrolments close on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

#### Mainland Futsal Holiday Programme

Age: 6-12 year olds. Dates: 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016  
Times: 9.00am - 3.00pm Venue: CHCH Boys High School, Straven Road  
Cost: \$37.50 per day (\$112.50 for three consecutive days) *10% discount of second child when registering two or more siblings.*

#### Mainland Football Outdoors

Age: 7-14 year olds. Dates: 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016 Times: 9.00am - 3.00pm  
Venue: English Park Cost: \$37.50 per day (\$112.50 for three consecutive days)  
All information on Mainland football website.

**Holiday Circus Workshops** for ages 6yrs to 13 yrs. Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 10 am to 11:30 \$12 Roy Stokes Hall 146 Seaview Rd New Brighton. To book email: [circustrust@gmail.com](mailto:circustrust@gmail.com)

**North Beach Tennis Club Incorporated.** 34 Palmers Road North New Brighton Christchurch 8083

COME AND PLAY TENNIS! Our junior tennis season commences Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 from 9.00am. We provide an affordable subscription and coaching for all juniors so come along and see what we have to offer. We also provide a Kiwi Tennis coaching programme starting 19<sup>th</sup> October for beginners in the 5-7 year age group which is designed to teach basic skills and generate enthusiasm for tennis. It is a popular programme and a great introduction to tennis.

For more details and information please contact: Ethna 981-5491 or Varinia 323-6393