

From the Principal

Kia ora koutou



**Monday**

I spent the day in Wellington on Monday with 15 representatives from our Year 7&8 classes, as guests of Air New Zealand and the National Library at the He Tohu Exhibition. We were able to view the 1835 Declaration of Independent Tribes of New Zealand, the 1840 Treaty of Waitangi, and the 1893 Women's Suffrage Petition and see the signatures that shaped New Zealand. In the evening our students performed beautifully for an audience that included corporate sponsors and MP's – a very proud moment for me. We are very grateful to Air NZ and the National Library of New Zealand for surprising us with this amazing gift.

**Tuesday**

Thank you to those who attended the assembly on Tuesday night to celebrate the year and to farewell our Year 8 students. Thank you in particular to those who bought junior children along to this event. It is so important for our little ones to see the way we honour our student leaders.

Congratulations to the following seniors who received awards on Tuesday night:

- Excellence in Literacy: Mariah & Dara
- Excellence in Numeracy: Dara & Maraea
- Service Awards: Bella, Kane, Ryan, Shayla
- Extraordinary Achievement Award: Haumia-tiketike Market Day – 3 Chairs for the Hospital.
- Rotary Awards: Nile, Sophie
- Whāia te iti kahurangi Awards: Autahi, Elliot
- Duffy Mainfreight Award: Kiara

At this assembly we also farewelled staff who are moving on.

Bev McTaggart is retiring after a long career in education and we acknowledge her dedication and commitment to teaching over that time. We wish Jordan Shallcrass all the best in her new position at Rolleston School - we know she will miss our children, she will not miss the long drive every day. Sarah Lean-Massey and Stuart Reid are both changing direction next year - Sarah taking on a new venture in working with the elderly, and Stuart returning to where he started out in the early childhood sector. We wish them both every success in their new roles. Two of our teacher aides are also moving on - Jordan Cooper is undertaking his teacher training and will make a great addition to the profession, and Lizzie Peoples is taking a break from working in the education sector. Both have played a significant role in supporting our learners over the past two years.

**Wednesday**

On Wednesday we held our annual Rāwhiti Rumbustification (aka Picnic Day). This year, rather than the staff organise all of the activities for the day, our children worked throughout the term to create fun play activities for other children to enjoy. And what a variety of things there were on offer – tarp surfing, human Foozeball, mini-golf, photo booths, a Wearable Arts show, even an indoor bowling alley created by the Year 2/3 children. A great day was had by all, proving that children do still know how to make their own fun.

**Thursday**

Our annual Showcase Assembly once again provided an opportunity for children to share their talents with performances from the choir, kapa haka group, singing groups, the ukulele orchestra, the Pasifika dancers, and both junior and senior bands. In keeping with this terms learning theme of 'Playing to Your Strengths' the Rāwhiti staff, supported by the staff from the Amplify School of Music, took to the stage with a 'once in a life time' performance of Don't Stop Believing. You may have heard about it?!

So that's it – 2017 done and dusted.



All that remains is for me to thank you all for your support and commitment to the school, and wish you all a safe and happy Christmas. Enjoy the time spent with family and friends. 2018 will be here before we know it. I look forward to seeing you all at the Getting Connected meetings on Tuesday January 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Ngā mihi nui

Liz Weir

### What's coming up?

#### December

15<sup>th</sup> School Closes for year 12.00pm

#### January

25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> Office open 9.00am – 1.00pm  
30<sup>th</sup> Getting Connected' Meetings  
31<sup>st</sup> Classes start at 9.00am



### School Notices

#### Principal Awards

Rongo-Ma-Tāne: Rocky W, Natalie C, Declan H, Cooper J, Millah, Jed, Riley, Emilie, Eliza, Uanita, Zara

#### Message of Thanks

We received this message from a parent, Hayley and her daughter Poppy, who are benefitting from Haumia-tiketike's hard work and market fundraising. It is nice to hear that these chairs are so appreciated and that our Rāwhiti students really have helped "Play their Part" to the wider community.

*Dear Rāwhiti School and all the other donors to this cause*

*We (Poppy and I) would like to thank for helping make ward 22 a great place as we are often forgotten about.*

*In Poppy's first year of life she spent 288 days in hospital, we have since stopped counting how we have had more time here than at home in the last couple of months.*

*When a parent bed isn't available these chairs are fantastic, having spent many a night cuddled up watching my rockstar being cared for and nursed back to health. Before Poppy was born I was a teacher and am amazed by your children and their strong sense of community and understanding of diversity.*

*Check out my page - Poppy Popstar - for our current duvet drive that runs once a year.*

*Christchurch community you rock ❤️*



#### MADE Awards 2017:

A group of children from Tāne Mahuta created a music video to Justin Timberlake's song 'Can't Stop the Feeling.' This was part of Term 3's inquiry and their aim was to showcase the Eastside of Christchurch and Gap Filler spaces in the CBD. Their music video got second in the MADE Awards 2017, Year 4 to 6 category. This competition receives around 500 entries each year into the various categories.

Music video: <https://goo.gl/2x1AMW>



## Tough Kids

I liked Tough Kids because of the mud and the water. When we went in the water we caught a crab. I went around the whole course with Matteo and Ryan. At the end when we were waiting for the slide we had to go separately. After when we went on the slide I couldn't find them so I just ran by myself. At the end of the race I got a spot prize for my costume. I got knee pads! It was heaps of fun.

**Aogan**

My favourite part about Tough Kids was the two longest bits which was going through the water in the water, it was heaps of fun! My second favourite bit was how much water there was. Even though when I finished I was a bit smelly I loved it. Everyone cheered when I came back as I did the whole thing!

**Kanye**



Going through the water at Tough Kids was fun. I liked climbing over all of the things that they had there like the pellets, tyres and the ropes that you could go over or under. I really enjoyed it and I will go next year too!

**Aimee**



## Email address

From the 30<sup>th</sup> November Vodafone email addresses no longer work. If you currently have a Vodafone address on your child's school information you will not be receiving our emails. Can you please contact us, via email, [admins@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:admins@rawhiti.school.nz), so we can change your email to your correct address.

## Second Hand Uniforms

If your child has grown out of their school uniform, or you are leaving Rāwhiti School at the end of the year, we would appreciate your second hand uniform so the PTA can on-sell this. Proceeds will go to the PTA. Thank you for your support.

## PTA NEWS

### Xmas Raffle

Thank you for your support in selling our Xmas Raffle tickets. The winners are:

- 1: Bob
- 2: Kirsty Fensom
- 3: Annit
- 4: Abbie Mounce
- 5: Nick
- 6: Lynda & Andrew
- 7: Donna
- 8: Kevin Watterson
- 9: Bob
- 10: Alan
- 11: Mason
- 12: Lana
- 13: Keryn Hope



- 14: Charmaine
- 15: Maire Huggins
- 16: Ariana Summers
- 17: Nana Shirley
- 18: Debbie Flintoff
- 19: Andy
- 20: Kate Langley
- 21: Lou Wedlake
- 22: Ray Inwoods
- 23: Maire Huggins
- 24: Health Stringer
- 25: Jen Evans
- 26: Mel Tritt

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## PTA NEWS

Hello to all our lovely school community – teachers, parents and kids. We've had another big and busy year with lots of fundraising but also FUNraising too (basically we've had lots of laughs!)

As a result of our team effort, and with the phenomenal support from all of you, we are thrilled to announce that we have donated \$30,000 to the school to be used towards purchasing some awesome new playground equipment in 2018. (By the way our recent Christmas raffle raised over \$2500, so a big thank you to all our ticket sellers!)

However, it has not all been about money this year. The PTA has had a brilliant time working with Johanna and Erica of Mindful Mover to run mindfulness workshops throughout the year which were very well-received and we also help them with Rawhiti School's first ever Kindness Week. We also were proud to support the local Brighton community at the Coast to Coast finish-line and we made some great connections with Greening the Rubble when we were lucky enough to win the beautiful POD Oasis garden for the school. And recently the Harcourts Foundation gave us a generous grant in order to get the artificial turf laid around that garden just to finish it off and make it future proofed for our kids.

So really all I want to say is thank you, thank you, thank you and I hope everyone has happy holiday times with family and friends!

All the very best – the Rawhiti PTA committee

### Coast to Coast Food Stall - Saturday 10 February 2018

The school has been given the opportunity again to provide food for sale at the finish line of the Coast to Coast at Brighton beach on Saturday 10 February.

We had an absolute blast last year making and selling food at this exciting event (right on the finish line) but we couldn't have done it without our amazing team of volunteers. If you think that you might possibly be able to help (either before the day with food preparation or on the day with set up or serving) then please email [pta@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:pta@rawhiti.school.nz) as an 'expression of interest'. Thanks.

### Community Notices

#### Lost Scooter

It has his name Joshua & phone number on the underside of it, and was taken from the front playground. Please bring to the office if found.

#### Music Lessons 2018

Amplify is now taking enrolments for 2018 with individual or group lessons on Guitar, Drums, Bass and Piano.

We also have DJ School available for yr5-8.

Enrolments done online: <https://amplify.mymusicstaff.com/Enrolments>

