

## Newsletter 21: 08 December

### From The Principal



### Kia ora koutou

The Term is quickly drawing to a close – although things are certainly not slowing down. This is the time of year that many people say . “You must be enjoying winding down”. In fact it is the opposite! As we approach the end of the term and year, there are many tasks to be done – many of which involve planning for 2017. Thank you for the continued support you give us at this time.

### School Reports and Information for 2016

School reports will be coming home tomorrow. Included in the envelope will be information on your child's placement for 2017, the name of their key teacher, an introduction to the teachers in their Learning Studio, the stationery list for 2017, and information about the Goal Setting meetings to be held on Monday January 30<sup>th</sup>. You will also find a handy fridge magnet with the term dates for 2017. Please make sure your child gives you the envelope containing this vital information.

### Leavers Assembly: Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup>. 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

This special assembly is a whole school event at which we recognise a range of achievements, celebrate our year, and farewell our Year 8 students. It's a chance for us all to acknowledge our senior students and wraps up the year in a collaborative way. All children are expected to be part of this event, which is scheduled for the early evening to allow families to attend. Children are to meet their teachers in their learning studios at 6.15pm. I look forward to seeing you all there.

### Rāwhiti 'Rumbustification', Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup>

This is a fun, picnic day event organised by the staff to help our children celebrate the end of the school year. All the fun will take place here at school. Children will come to their home base as usual in the morning. The fun will kick off at 10am with a Magic Show for the whole school in the hall – to which you are welcome to bring younger siblings. This will be followed by the official opening of our bike track.

Children are to wear their school uniform for the day. They are also to bring:

- Togs, rash top and towel
- Sunblock
- Morning tea and lunch
- Refillable water bottle
- School brimmed sunhat
- Water pistol - if you'd like to join in with the water fight

Please remember to have all items of clothing named.

### Rāwhiti Showcase Assembly: Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup> 1.30 pm in the Whare Tapere (Hall).

Another chance for our choir and Kapa Haka groups to perform, our school bands to do their thing, and our music students to share their talents. All welcome to come along and be a part of the audience.

### Final Newsletter

There will be one last newsletter for the year on Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup>. This will contain all of the start of year information.

Ngā mihi nui kia a koutou

**Liz Weir**  
**Principal**



## Principals Awards



Rongo Ma Tane: Alex B, Robbie, Mireia  
Tawhitimatea: Ollie, Mahuta, Marliya, Jacob N  
Tane Mahuta: Cheyenne

## What's Coming Up

9/12	Ballot for Out of Zone places for Term 1 2017
9/12	Haumia-tike-tike Pool party 11am shared lunch
12/12	Rongo ma tane Picnic Thompson Park 11.00-2.00
13/12	Final Assembly 6.30pm
14/12	Rāwhiti Rumbustification (Fun Day) 10.00-2.30
14/12	Bike track official opening 10.45am
15/12	Showcase Assembly 1.30pm
15/12	Ata Hapara Xmas Party 3.00-4.30
16/12	School Closes 12pm.

## School Notices

### School Evacuations

Last week several schools in Christchurch needed to be evacuated, along with others from around NZ, after a hoax bomb threat. You may have read about this in the media.

How would you like to be notified if such an event happened to us? After following the procedures advised by the Police, parents would be sent a text message (if we have your cell phone contact details), an email message would be sent via our student management system, and we would post an alert on the Rāwhiti School App.

331 people have downloaded our App. If you haven't yet got around to this, simply Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android device and search Rāwhiti School to download the App to your phone or tablet. Our App is free for users.

### PTA News

#### Christmas raffle

Hi folks, please remember that we draw the Christmas raffle this Friday 9th December after 9am. Make sure you return all raffle forms sold or unsold plus ticket money back to the office by then. More forms are available at the office if you have a late run on sales from your whanau! First prize is a hamper of goodies plus a ham and Christmas cake, and there will be more hampers up for grabs too. Prizes for children who sell tickets and all proceeds back to the school. Nice!

#### Goodbye to Weekly Sausage Sizzles

Over the last couple of years at Rāwhiti School we estimate that the PTA has cooked and served over 10,000 sausages & logged more than 1000 volunteer hours to do it. However, with volunteer numbers very low, this is becoming 'too much of an ask' for our current helpers and we've made the decision for the time-being to hang up our BBQ tongs.

So we have to let you know that in 2017 there will be no weekly sausage sizzle lunches at Rāwhiti School.

However, we're not planning to leave you completely in the lurch (I know how much I have personally loved having sandwich-free days) so instead we'll be teaming up with Lunchonline and we're excited to announce that they will provide sushi lunches every Tuesday and Pita Pit lunches each Thursday from Feb 7 next year. (See the attached pdf for all the details you need as well as the menu, or simply go to [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz))

Also remember that Naked Baker is onsite on the other days with a selection of filled rolls, muffins and other bakery goods which you can pick up for your child while grabbing yourself a hot coffee.

And as for the good ol' sausage? Well, once the colder winter weather sets in then we may dust off our tongs on occasion and get the BBQ sizzling again. If you'd be keen to help cook the sausages in the winter months then do please let us know. How often we offer this will be dependent on how many volunteer cooks we have. Just email [pta@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:pta@rawhiti.school.nz).

Finally we do want to say a massive thank you to all the cooks we've had over the years, to our amazing senior student helpers and to all the kids (& teachers) who have supported us by buying a sausage. It's been a pleasure serving you.

### Second hand uniform sale

Rāwhiti School's very first second hand uniform sale will be held the week before the start of Term One on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th January 2017, at 10am - 12pm in the School Hall.

As we have just had one year in the new uniform, we do not have an accumulated stock of second hand uniforms. If you have a child leaving the school or have clothing items you no longer require then please consider donating these to the PTA for the sale. And we'd love any of the black separates on a donation basis.

Additionally, we will offer credit or cash for the **polo shirts** and **fleeces** at the sale. We want to make the prices good value for parents but also raise a little money for the school - so good condition polo shirts will be bought for \$10 and sold for \$15. Polar fleeces bought for \$20 and sold for \$25. Any items in worn condition will be worth somewhat less.

We also hope to have a fresh stock of Hair Princess accessories available at the sale and some sunhats also.

Please contact [pta@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:pta@rawhiti.school.nz) if you have any queries or items for sale or donation before the end of the school year.



### Sushi & Pita Pit Lunches

Will be available at Rāwhiti School  
EVERY Tuesday & Thursday  
Starting Tues 7th Feb 2017

It's simple, all you need to do is register at  
**[www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)**

#### Just 4 Easy Steps to Start

- Register an account (set up a new one)
- Add member/s (set up your child, school & classroom)  
*NB: you can change classrooms easily next year*
- Make a payment (so you have funds in your account)
- Place an order at the start of 2017

#### Healthy Options

#### Easy Online Ordering

Bought to you by  lunchonline

[www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz) or 0800 565 565

### SINGING LESSONS

Singing lessons available at Rāwhiti School in 2017, with Jenny Payne. Jenny is a Tui Award winning singer / songwriter with 15 years experience as a singing teacher. Group Lessons \$10 (30 mins) Private Lessons \$18 (20 mins) Contact Jenny to register your interest for next year.

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## Well Done

Amplify School of Music had an end of year concert for all its students. Here are some photos of our clever band.



## Community Notices

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

### Youth Alive Trust

#### 1) Free Summer Holiday Activities for Intermediates & Teens

Youth Alive Trust are running a 3 day Pre-Christmas Holiday Programme for Intermediates and Teens, from 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> December. Activities include kayaking, coasteering, cinema and Hanmer Springs. Sign up now for FREE at: <http://www.youthalivetrust.org.nz/holiday-programmes/breakaway-years-9-13/>

#### 2) January 2017 Holiday Programmes

Registrations are now open for our regular Junior and Senior Holiday Programmes from 16<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> January. WINZ subsidies available. Full programme, costs and sign up at this link: <http://www.youthalivetrust.org.nz/holiday-programmes/holiday-programme-years-1-9/>

#### 3) Senior Daily Oscar 2017

Register now for our daily after school programme especially for the 'older kids' - Years 5-8. Activities include Kitchen Klub, Craft Club, Basketball, Out Days and more! Free van pick ups from Rawhiti, SNBS and NBC Primary schools. WINZ subsidies apply. More info at <http://www.youthalivetrust.org.nz/holiday-programmes/senioroscar/>

#### 4) Parenting Toolbox Courses 2017

We are taking expressions of interest from Parents wanting to do either the Middle Years or Tweens and Teens Toolbox Course from 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016. At a reduced price of only \$30 per person, these 6 week courses are one of NZ's most popular parenting courses, suitable for all. Contact: [parenting@yat.org.nz](mailto:parenting@yat.org.nz)

### Summertime Reading Club

<http://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/summertime-reading-club/>

Our annual Summertime Reading Club programme is for kids between 5 and 13 years old inclusive. The competition runs from Friday 16 December 2016 to Tuesday 31 January 2017. Travel into any library branch and pick up your Passport to Summertime Reading. Each page has fun reading related activities to complete. After you finish the challenges on each page, stop in at a library to collect a stamp in your passport. At the end of your reading journey, after you complete the 8 activities and collect 5 stamps in total, get your passport checked by a

librarian to enter the draw to win some fabulous prizes including an iPad mini 2, an Orana Park family pass, pool passes, movie passes and book vouchers. Winners will be drawn at random and announced on 10 February 2017.

Where will your reading take you? Grab your (book) bags and get going!

#### Terms and conditions

- \* The Summertime Reading Club is open to Christchurch City Libraries members aged 5–13 years inclusive;
- \* The competition is open between 16 December 2016–31 January 2017;
- \* Once completed, each page of your passport must be stamped at your local library;
- \* When you've collected all 5 stamps, get your passport checked at the library to enter the prize draw;
- \* This year's main prize is an iPad mini 2. Runner up prizes are an Orana Park family pass, family pool passes, movie passes and book vouchers;
- \* Winners will be drawn at random and announced on 10 February 2017.

#### Sparkle Circus Show

Youth Circus fundraising show by the Christchurch Circus Trust

Friday 16th December, 7:30 pm

Roy Stokes Hall, 146 Seaview Rd, New Brighton

**Tickets through DASH ticketing - <http://www.dashtickets.co.nz/event/k57d8qv0w>**

#### The School for Young Writers

For Year 4-9


Bookings essential

Ideal for young writers wishing to sharpen their writing skills before school starts.

Ideal for parents looking for worthwhile holiday activities.

Easily affordable thanks to Creative Communities partial funding.

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**HOLIDAY  
WORKSHOPS FROM  
THE SCHOOL FOR  
YOUNG WRITERS**

**MONDAY JANUARY 23  
FOR YEAR 4 TO 6**

**TUESDAY JANUARY 24  
FOR YEAR 7 TO 9**



Join award-winning authors  
James Norcliffe  
and Heather McQuillan  
and let your imagination loose!

**10.00am to 12.00:**

**Fantastical Beasts  
and How to Write Them!**  
Create your own mythical beast  
and write about it with complete  
authority. After all it's your  
creature creation!  
Tutor: Heather McQuillan

**12.30 to 2.30:**

**The Real Reason.**  
Discover the real reasons behind  
everyday occurrences as you let  
your imagination expand, erupt  
and evolve.  
Tutor: James Norcliffe

\$10 per two-hour session  
or \$15 for both sessions  
(bring your lunch)

Hagley Community College-  
J Block off Waller Terrace

Bookings now open:  
[young.writers@xtra.co.nz](mailto:young.writers@xtra.co.nz)



SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM FOR YEAR 7 - 11

16 - 20 JAN 2017

9AM - 3PM (4PM FRIDAY)  
EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
322 SAWYERS ARMS RD.



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# THE SUMMER BAND PROJECT

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