



From the Principal
Kia ora koutou

Welcome to Term 3. There was a very settled atmosphere as I visited the classes on Monday with the children settling back into their learning and reconnecting with their classmates.

Learning Conversation Bookings

Between Monday 3rd and Thursday 13th August we will be offering all parents and caregivers the opportunity to make a time for a 'Learning Conversation' with your child and their key teacher. You may have known these by a different name at your previous schools, such as 'Parent – Teacher Interviews' or '3-Way Conferences'. Learning Conversations are just that – an opportunity for you, your child and their key teacher to discuss their learning. Children will be able to share with you how they have managed their most recent learning challenges, and teachers will share with you the information they have gathered about your child's learning and achievement. We have set aside 30 minutes for each Learning Conversation.

You can make your bookings on-line by going to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz.

The event code you will need is **MB5WQ** and bookings are now open. If you do not have computer access please contact the school office and they will assist you in making a booking.

Amazing Support for Rawhiti

Rawhiti School says a big thank you to Westpac Bank for giving all children in our school a free pair of limited edition 20th anniversary Red Socks, shouting us all a sausage sizzle lunch on the last day of the term – and donating a fantastic new BBQ to the school for the PTA to use for their fundraising efforts.

In addition, Westpac New Brighton have also made a contribution of \$5000 towards the purchase of technology equipment for the new school. We are grateful to have this level of support from our local bank.

We also learned this week that the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust has approved a grant of over \$44,000 for the construction of a sports turf on our home base in Leaver Terrace. Funds previously allocated for this same purpose at one of the merging schools had to be returned as they could not be used on that site. Many thanks to the parents who have been involved in making this happen and to Paul for his follow up work with the Trust. Our landscaping plans will be adjusted to make this happen in time for our return home!

We are looking for some support for one of the programmes operating in our Year 7/8 Learning Team. Children very much enjoyed taking part in the surfing programme on offer in Term 1 but numbers were limited by the number of boards and wet suits we were able to provide. Ideally, we would love to be able to cater for an additional 8 children in Term 4.

If you have surfing gear that is taking up space and not getting the workout it deserves, or you have contacts who could help us source equipment for a reasonable rate, please contact Andrew Redmond, andrew@rawhiti.school.nz

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa
Liz Weir



These children have shared fantastic work with Liz, Paul or Helen this week.

RmQ5/6: Meg, Max, Ben, Da Jahn, Will, Pepper, Alyssa, Ella, Jay Jay, Makenzie, Deacon, Amelie, Harrison, Tai-Zjarn, Maiah, Alex.

RmQ2: Arnica, Riley

RmQ8: Isla

RmQ9: Anika

Calendar of Events



July

23 Year 6 Parents Evening 7pm

28 ICAS English Exam

30 PTA Meeting 7.30pm

August

3 Learning Conversations Start

11 ICAS Maths

13 BOT Meeting 6.30pm

20 Whole School Assembly 11am

26 PTA Meeting 7.30pm

SCHOOL NOTICES

BACON DELIVERY – Friday 31 July

Thanks a lot to everyone who has ordered Hellers Bacon through the PTA fundraiser. Just a reminder that the delivery date is next Friday, 31 July from 2.30pm for both bases.

Sausage Sizzle

Sausage Sizzle is back on as of this week - orders from 0830 on Thursdays at QEII and Fridays at Beach base.

PTA QUIZ NIGHT – Sunday 6th September

Back by popular demand - the PTA's 2nd Quiz Night will be held on Sunday 6th September at 6.45pm at the Speights Alehouse in Ferrymead. We've moved to a bigger location to accommodate more teams. We still have quite a few tables to sell so if you're keen to make a team and come along please email us at pta@rawhiti.school.nz or text Steph on 021-136-5391. Tables cost \$60 for a team of 6 and we will have plenty of prizes up for grabs! Hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE – Saturday 7 November

Watch this space! The PTA is excited to announce that we're going to be hosting a gala R18 Comedy Night for the Rāwhiti community at Roy Stokes Hall, Beach Base with the hilarious Ben Hurley from 7 Days as our headline act. It's going to be a great night, please mark your diaries now!

Absence Messages

If for any reason you intend keeping your child away from school please phone 388 9519 and leave a message on our school answering system. We really appreciate when you do this as it really does save our office staff a lot of time when they don't have to make as many phone calls home. We are also noticing a number of children consistently arriving late in the mornings. Please ensure your child arrives at school in plenty of time to set themselves up for a day of learning.

Outstanding Accounts

We still have a number of fees outstanding for **Year7/8 Technology payments**. These fees pay for the materials and items that your child brings home from technology and they are heavily subsidised by the school. The MOE pays for the cost of transporting your child to the technology centre.

We also have some gymnastic, camp, and winter sports payments that are outstanding.

One option is Internet banking which is a great way to make regular weekly payments towards school expenses, please contact the school office to set these up. Our account number is 03 0814 0000333 25. Please use your child's name as a reference.

We are more than happy to work with you to ensure that no Rāwhiti child misses out on anything that is linked to our curriculum that has a cost associated with it. We are here to help.

**Kia Ora Tatau, Talofa Lava, Malo e Lelei, Kia Orana, Malo Ni,
Salaam alyk'um, Mandala Gar, Namaste!**

Rāwhiti school has been given the opportunity to participate in Computers in Homes this year. We held our first class last term and it went really well. We are now looking for enrolments for Term 3!!
We have up to 10 spaces available.

Computers in Homes is for families who have school aged children, and no computer at home.

1. **You will need to attend the free training** at your school. This will take place once a week on **Tuesdays 9.15 – 11.15am** for a term. This will show you how to use your computer so you can send emails, use the Internet and help with your family's education. You will also learn the basics of supervising your children on the Internet.
2. **To be part of CIH will cost you \$50.** Please pay to the school office (e.g. \$5 per week for 10 weeks).
3. **At the end of the training you will receive** a refurbished computer to take home and a certificate at graduation.
4. **CIH will contribute towards your Internet connection where possible.**
5. **CIH will also provide technical support for 12 months.**

- Please sign up at the school office! -

<http://www.computersinhomes.org.nz/>
sylvsmyth@yahoo.co.nz



Hi I am Lisa and I teach with the wonderful Nicole in room5/6 at the QE2 Base. My challenge this year has been to EAT MORE FRUIT. I usually avoid fruit which is unusual as my family love eating it at home, especially the delicious summer fruits. With the help and the encouragement of the learners in room 5/6 I was able to increase my fruit intake to two pieces daily YAY! I will continue with my goal and I look forward to eating fruit kebabs, (maybe with a marshmallow or two) in the summer months.



Hi, I'm Nicole and I teach at our QE2 base with Lisa. This year my challenge has been to help my Great Aunty Sylvia by using my iPhone. That may sound a bit strange but I'll explain... she is 96 and can no longer go out to do jobs herself. She hasn't been so keen on 'modern things', so I have slowly been showing her handy things I can do on my iPhone. She now let's me pay her bills online, asks me to find out about things using Google and dictates emails for me to send. I loved it when she finally 'got' how selfies work. She is just fascinated with them. I smile to myself whenever she says "Nicole, your phone is so smart!"

Community Notices

Grace Vineyard Beach Campus – NEW PROGRAMMES

With the recent opening of Stage 1 of our facility, a number of new and exciting programmes are starting in Term 3. These including nationally recognised Parenting Programmes such as Toolbox for the Early Years (1 – 6), and Middle Years (7 – 12), Tough Love support group for parents of teenagers, and SPACE for Mum's and Babies under 12 months. We also have limited spaces for Basketball Coaching in our new Sports Gym on Thursday afternoons for Years 4 – 8 and other socials sports such as Table Tennis and Zumba for parents too. For a full timetable and more information, [CLICK ON THIS LINK](#), or call 3885459 or pop into our offices.

Parenting Programme Scholarships Available for New Brighton Families

The New Brighton Community Safety Partnership has joined forces with the Burwood Pegasus Council to provide financial support to help local parents get the right tools they need to be the best parents they can be! We all know it's the hardest job in the world, but there are tips and tools that may just help your whole family. Apply now for assistance to cover the cost of any parent support group or programme. For more information and examples of great parental support programmes [CLICK ON THIS LINK](#), or pick up a copy of the form from your local school.

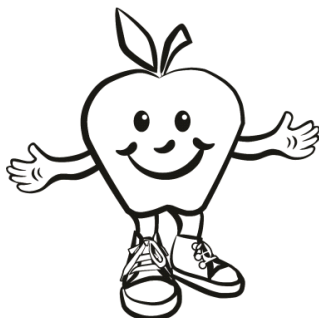
MARIAN COLLEGE - ENROLMENT

Enrolments for Marian College close at 1.00pm, **Friday 31 July 2015**. Enrolment forms are available by phoning 385-8449, emailing exec@mariancollege.school.nz or downloaded from our website www.mariancollege.school.nz

Join the fun...

Being a Pippin with GirlGuiding NZ is a very popular choice for 5 and 6 year old girls and it is great to be able to offer the opportunity to more girls to join our Rawhiti Unit at 305 New Brighton Rd, in the All Saints Church Rooms (next to Waitakiri School - River Campus)

Guiding is about learning, developing self-confidence, making new friends and, of course, having lots of fun outside school!



Our programmes are provided in a fun, safe environment and girls get together each week with girls their own age to do lots of cool stuff like discovering nature, visiting interesting places, making crafts, playing games and more.



GirlGuidingNZ

If you have a 5 or 6 year old daughter who likes to have fun then contact Jenny Brawley ph. 0220542093 or visit www.girlguidingnz.org.nz

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