

From The Principal

Kia ora koutou

It has been a busy two weeks and we have had a number of extraordinary things happening.

Pod Oasis & Working Bee

We appreciate, more than words can say, the kindness of our community in supporting the establishment of the Pod Oasis here at Rāwhiti School, and the landscaping and planting of the bike track. It was a privilege to work alongside of staff, parents, children, grandparents and volunteers from Greening the Rubble for the last 2 weekends - what an incredible result. If you have not seen the end result please do take the time to pop down to school and see what was achieved. Tomorrow morning we will have some special guests at assembly to help us celebrate, and we will be thanking the appropriate people. Please join us if you can.



Dancing Like the Stars

It was a delight to be in the audience at the Theatre Royal on Monday night to see our Year 4-6 representatives take to the stage. This is our third year of being involved and we are extremely grateful to the numerous sponsors that create this opportunity free of charge to our school. We especially thank Fleur de Thier for her hours of dedication preparing our children for their starring moment.



Whanau Hui

Thank you to Maori whanau who attended our hui a couple of weeks ago. Despite the awfully cold weather we were delighted to have over 94 people in attendance, and the feedback and ideas expressed will give us some clear direction for where to next.

Timetable Tweaking

We are extremely fortunate to be part of a cluster of local schools being supported by Dr Kathleen Liberty, Associate Professor of the University of Canterbury School of Health Sciences. Since 2013 Dr Liberty has been researching the long term effects of natural disasters on young children, and helping schools to implement strategies to ensure that the school environment is kept as calm as possible.

Over time we will be implementing a number of her suggested strategies, once we have had time to upskill our teaching staff and our community has had an opportunity to learn more about Dr Liberty's work. However, when the new term begins there will be a couple of minor changes to our daily timetable at school. None of these will impact on the beginning or end of the school day.

School Start time	9.00am
Morning Play	10.40am
Lunch play & eating	12.15pm
Afternoon Play	2.00pm
School Finishes	3.00pm

Please note the slightly later lunch start.

Garden Fence Mural

A group of Year 7 & 8 artists (Tāne, Aka, Latreyl, Marshall, Dara, Bella, Mikayla, Josh C, Elliot, William B. Sean T) have been working with Anna-Belle Graham to create a mural on the fence surrounding the school garden. The artists have provided the following explanation for their design:

“Our design is based on the Māori Atua represented by the learning studios in our school. The Atua are Rongo ma tane, Papatuanuku, Haumia-tiketike, Tāne Mahuta, Tāwhirimatea and Tangaroa.

Our design represents our school, the music our art group listens to, the ties of friendship within our school, and the legendary bird that could have lived here. The sea animals represent Tangaroa, the penguin represents life, the waves represent the beach and us surfing, the Rāwhiti sun represents a new day and new things to learn, the school maunga represents the first one to touch the Rāwhiti sun with our learning. Seagulls represent the food because they steal our lunches, the trees represent Tāne Mahuta, kiwis for a Kiwi school, Tāwhirimatea helps his brother Tangaroa to make his sea move so the people can cross to find new discoveries.

The vibrant colours represent different personalities and cultures. Roots represent Rāwhiti, the trunk is the youth and the top is adults.” It is wonderful to see our school grounds gradually come to life and represent us through the eyes of our children.

We now head into two weeks of rest and rejuvenation and, hopefully, the early winter bugs that have plagued both children and staff in the last few weeks will disappear without their usual breeding ground.

There is great excitement in my household as we are off to Cyprus for a family wedding. I will not be back until the third week of the new term. In my absence, should there be any matter that you need assistance with please contact either Paul or Helen and they will help you in the first instance.



Ngā mihi nui
Liz Weir

Principal Awards

Tangaroa: Mark W
Rongo-ma-tane: Maia



What's coming up?

July 7 th	Whole school assembly Term 2 ends	9.15am – 10.30am
July 24 th	Term 3 begins	
July 31 st	Puberty Information evening Year 5-8	6.30pm-7.30pm
Aug 7 th , 8 th , 9 th , 10 th	Year 4-8 Learning Conferences (Early next term you will receive information on booking times and log in details)	
Aug 11 th	Kids Can Crazy Mufti Day	
Aug 16 th	Cultural Festival	6.45pm
Aug 17 th	Year 7-8 Information sessions:	3.30pm or 6.30pm

School Notices

Puberty Evening for parents and caregivers of Year 5-8 students

During Term 3 students in Years 5-8 will be covering the topic of puberty. This is a major component of the health curriculum at these levels. At Rāwhiti we intend to use a comprehensive and appropriately levelled programme put together by the Family Planning Association in accordance with ministry guidelines called The Sexuality Road. As part of our commitment to whānau involvement, we invite you to attend an information evening for parents and caregivers of Year 5-8 students. We have invited Paul Scammell from Family Planning to share the programme with you and answer any questions you might have about how to talk about this topic at home. Monday 31st July 6.30 - 7.30pm in the Library area.

Year 7-8 Information sessions

We are very aware that this is the time of year parents of our Year 6 children make decisions about where to send their child for Year 7 and 8. We believe that being a Full Primary School (Year 0-8) makes Rāwhiti School the ideal option because we offer a complete package for children between preschool and high school. We will be holding an information evening for parents of our current Year 6 students at which we will outline the options and programmes available at Rāwhiti School for Year 7 and 8 students. Please join us at either 3.30pm or 6.30pm in Tangaroa studio, on Thursday 17th August to hear about some of the initiatives that have been introduced and talk about plans still in development.

Out of Zone Ballot

The ballot for Out of Zone children, who wish to enrol for Term 4, closes on 9th August. Please call into the office or refer to our website, www.rawhiti.school.nz for an enrolment form.

Christchurch Primary Schools Cultural Festival – 16th August 6.45pm

The deadline for purchasing Cultural Festival tickets through school has passed. If you want to purchase tickets you still can by going directly online through ticketek.

Our Kapahaka group are working hard in their rehearsals to represent our school at this showcase event. We will be performing alongside St Patricks, Parkview, Oxford, Bishopdale, Cashmere, Burnham, Hoon Hay and St Albans schools.

Winter Sport Results and Draws

Visit the link below for the weekly sports draw and results

<http://www.easterncommunity.co.nz/programme/rcsi-sport-cluster/>

Community Notices

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

EPro8 Challenge: Now it is the Adults Turn.

Recently Rāwhiti School took part in the EPro8 Challenge - the science and engineering competition. Well now it is the adults turn. On 17 August your workplace or organisation can compete against others in Christchurch. You will work as a team to solve a range of fun engineering based challenges. This is a fantastic team building opportunity.

For details and to register see www.epro8challenge.co.nz/business-events

Dental Care over the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will operate an emergency service over the school holidays. This service is to provide relief of pain only and will not undertake 'routine' treatment. The service will be available each working day from 8:45am until 12:30pm from the Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street, Christchurch for the following times:

Monday 10th July to Friday, 14th July 2017

Monday 17th July to Friday 21st July 2017

This service will operate by appointment only. You can phone and make an appointment for the emergency clinic by ringing 0800 846 983.

St Andrews Holiday program

Monday 17th - Friday 21st July 9.30 am - 12.30 pm \$3

To register text 220542093 or email Jenny holidayprogrammes2016@gmail.com

Canvas Bag Drama School South Brighton!

Is your child dramatic? Do they love dressing up and acting out stories? From Term 3 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)

Please enquire at g.fowler.atstld@gmail.com or 022 351 2519 or check out our web page for more information

www.canvasbag.nz



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DRAMA GROUP

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Directed by Andrew Murphy & Fay Barnes

Rangi Ruru School
59 Hewitts Road, Merivale

Sunday 16 July – Saturday 22 July

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Monday to Friday shows at 6.30pm (No Weds show)

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\$8 ticket per person
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to ensure availability
or **cash only** on the door
for available seats

For any queries, please contact
Fay - 021 043 1108

Keep your eyes open and see if you can find the non-jungle animal in the show