

Newsletter 9: 8th June 2017



From The Principal

Kia ora koutou

This morning children from Ata Hapara and our school kapa haka group had an early start when they performed at the opening of the Canterbury Primary Principals Association annual conference. Children led the opening karakia and waiata, and then the group performed with confidence. I was very proud of the way they represented our school.

New web site

Our school web site has had an update, so please do check it out at <http://www.rawhiti.school.nz> Many thanks to Paul Wilkinson and Elizabeth Kazmierczak who have been working for some time to ensure we have a smart new look to present to the world. If you spot an error or if something is not there that you think should be then please take a minute to let Paul know and we'll be right onto it.

Whanau of Māori Students

We invite all whānau Māori to our first Whānau Hui on Thursday June 22nd. Kai will be provided at 5.30pm followed by hui. The kaupapa of this hui is to connect together and discuss kaupapa Māori at Rāwhiti. You will receive a more detailed invitation before the end of this week, and can email Helen Parata to confirm numbers attending. <mailto:helen@rawhiti.school.nz>

Family Technology Challenges

This term our learning theme 'Playing with Ideas' has a focus on Science and Technology, and the design process is a significant component. In this newsletter you will find some design challenges your family can work on together at home and bring along to share at our Learning Celebration on Wednesday July 5th, 2-4pm.

Parking Concerns

Last week in assembly I talked with the children about acting with integrity – which is one of our Rāwhiti School RISE values. Acting with integrity means doing the right thing, even when no one is watching. This is a tricky concept for some children – and for some adults as well.

This is not the first time we have asked this – can you please not use the staff car park to drop off or pick up your children before and after school. We regularly make this request but it is being persistently ignored by a small group of parents, who are repeatedly creating a health and safety risk for your children. We ask that all drivers act with integrity and not use the school car park for drop off and pick up. The disability parking spaces must be left clear at all time for vehicles displaying a valid parking permit.

Let's all do the right thing, even when no one is watching.

Nga mihi nui

Liz Weir
Principal



What's coming up?

June	9 th	Winter Sport	
	14 th	Court Theatre Production	9.30am
	16 th	Junior Assembly	9.15am
		Winter Sport	
	21 st	Child Cancer Wig Day	
	22 nd	Year 1 – 4 Cross Country	9.15am – 10.30am
		Maori Whanau Hui	5.30pm



Principal Awards:

Rongo Ma Tane: Natalie, Kenadie, Manaia, Summah-Rose, Caily, Violet, AnikaM

Haumia TikeTike: Charlotte and AnikaR

Tawhitimatea: Willow

School Notices

Traffic safety and driver responsibility.

It is the responsibility of all of us to keep our children safe as we drop off or pick up children at school. Please could you also be considerate of neighbours and other road users. Parking across driveways causes stress to people who have rightful access.

If you do have an accident and damage another vehicle the right thing to do is try your best to find the owner or leave them a note on the windscreen with your contact details.

Court Theatre Matatihi Show- 14th June

The Court Theatre is bringing their production of Matatihi – Maia's Journey of Bravery, to Rāwhiti School on 14th June at 9.30am. The cost per student is \$3.00 with school subsidising the balance. Payment is due by Friday 9th June. Thank you.

School Accounts

School accounts have been emailed, or sent home, today with your child. If you have any queries or concerns please contact Cheryl in the school office. The school office has eft-pos available or you may find internet banking more convenient. You are welcome to make small weekly payments if this is more manageable for you and your family. Please put your child's name as your reference. Bank account 030 814 0000 333 25.

Thank you to those who have paid outstanding school expenses owing from 2016. We would appreciate it if you would make arrangements to clear your account as soon as possible.

School donations for 2017 have remained the same, \$50.00 for one child, \$80.00 per family for the full year. This will show on your child's account as a per term entry. You are welcome to pay the full amount if you wish. Income from school donations are an important part of the school budget and allow us to provide superior resources for your child/ren. Payment of the donation is voluntary.

Rock and Senior Band, Year 7 & 8 Basketball and Sound Audi Technicians Course

If your child is part of any of the above could you please ensure that you have paid for them to participate. The Band and the Sound Audio Technicians course is \$5.00 per week and basketball is \$25.00 for term2 and \$25.00 for term 3.



Child Cancer Wig Day

On Wednesday 21st June we are holding a "Wear a Wig" for Child Cancer. Gold coin donation.

Playing with Ideas



This term our learning is focused on science and technology. Students are learning about the design process, prototyping, experimenting with ideas, testing theories and creating solutions and innovations.

Get your family 'playing with ideas' and involved in some home learning. From this [link](#), choose an idea and work together as a family to see what you can come up with. On Wednesday 5 July 2-4pm we are holding an open afternoon/learning celebration so bring along your creations to share – we would love to see them!

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/>

Junior Cross Country (Year 0-4)

Our Year 0-4 children will be participating in a Junior Cross Country.

When: Wednesday 21st June. (Postponement: 22nd June)

Time: 9.15: New Entrant – Year 1

9.30: Year 2

9.45: Year 3

10.00: Year 4

The children will begin at the start line on the back field behind the hall.

Parents are welcome to come along for a fun morning.

What children need:

- School jersey.
- Suitable shoes and shorts for running in.
- Drink bottle.



Thank You

A huge thank you to Rachel Hemmingway who nominated Rāwhiti School for Pass It Forward Balls from Rebel Sport. We won and have received 30 new rugby and netballs.

Scooters Skateboards, Fidget Spinners

Children bring their personal belongings, such as the above items, to school at their own risk. It is not the School Office or the Teachers responsibility to look after these items or find them if they are misplaced or taken. If your child brings their personal belongings please ensure they are named.



PTA NEWS

Good in the Hood - Fantastic Result

Thanks to all the families and friends of the school who bought petrol from Z New Brighton over the month of May and voted for the PTA as part of the Good in the Hood promotion. We're very pleased to say that we came a very close 2nd in the votes and we received a cheque from Z yesterday for \$1280 which was a brilliant result! The PTA is supporting the school in their new playground development this year and this money will go towards that goal. Thanks everyone!!

Save the Date - Big Night Out!

Saturday night, 16th September is the date and we've got the event for you. Put it in your diary now and watch this space. You're not going to want to miss it!

Community Notices

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

Stay And Play Event At ABC Parklands

You are invited to come along to ABC Parklands – 25 Chadbury Street 23rd June 10.00am – 2.00pm for some entertainment and stay and play.

YOUTH ALIVE

Youth Alive have the following events coming up:

'Have a Go' Music Lessons

Kidsfest special from 18th – 21st July. \$25 for a 1 hour music lesson on 2 instruments with our trained Amplify tutors. Choose from Drums, Piano and Guitar.

Register: www.amplify.mymusicstaff.com

Basketball Holiday Programme

Kidsfest special from 18th - 20th July. Ages 7-9 in the mornings and ages 9-12 in the afternoons. Just \$75 for 3 days of coaching, drills, games and prizes.

Register: <https://yat.aimyplus.com>

Holiday Programmes

10th - 14th July. \$150 for the week. WINZ subsidies. Junior & Senior Programmes with activities including theatre, stone carving, swimming and ice skating.

Register: <https://yat.aimyplus.com>

Teen Babysitting Training

17th July. 9am - 3pm. Led by a Plunket Trainer & everyone gets a certificate. \$25 for the day.

Register: www.yat.org.nz

Term 3 – Spaces available at Daily Senior OSCAR: Years 5 – 8 only!

An everyday after school OSCAR with a difference – there's no little kids! Activities including Kitchen Klub, Craft Club, Basketball, DigiClub and more! FREE van pickups from Rawhiti, SNBS and NBC Primary schools to our newly renovated central New Brighton base. Just \$15 per day. WINZ subsidies apply.

Head Lice Treatment

¼ cup conditioner

10 – 20 drops of pure tree tea oil

Comb through hair thoroughly – tie hair up tightly and spray with hairspray. Leave in for two days and repeat if required.