

Newsletter 4 : 16th March 2017



From The Deputy Principals

As you read this, our Principal Liz, is resting at home after surgery. I know you join with us in wishing her a speedy recovery.

We have had our wet weather gear out this week, and this has been a good opportunity to remind everyone about our school uniform. Our uniform polar fleece and senior jacket are the regulation warm layers for students. If it is cold students are able to wear black or white long sleeved thermals under their polo shirts. On wet and cold days, students are welcome to wear rain jackets to school and in break times. Sunhats are to be worn by students in Term 1 and Term 4.

Learning Conversations

Dates have been set for Learning Conversations in the last weeks of this term. Bookings for these can be made through www.schoolinterviews.co.nz from next week. Look out for the email next week with the booking code.

All whānau will be offered two opportunities throughout the year to attend a Learning Conversation. For children in Years 4-8 these will be at the end of Term 1 and the beginning of Term 3. Reporting for children in their first three years of school will follow a different schedule. There will be Learning Conversations at the end of each term – and you will be invited to attend in the two terms that best coincide with your child's half and full year anniversary dates. The junior teachers will let you know which terms to make your appointments.

Future Schools Conference

Next week some of our staff and BOT are travelling to Melbourne to attend the Future Schools Conference. This is part of our ongoing professional development and is an opportunity to meet with highly regarded and world renowned educators and leaders in their fields. Our staff will be attending one of five parallel conferences bringing together over 2000 educators from across Australasia. The parallel conferences are designed to tackle five specific areas of the future school – future leadership, young learners, special needs, teaching about and using emerging technologies and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) including coding, robotics and the digital curriculum.

Diana Feary will be relieving Principal during this time. She is an experienced Principal who will oversee the day to day running of the school while our staff and Liz are away.

Swimming Zones

A large team represented Rāwhiti at the Eastern Zones yesterday. Congratulations Nicholas C, Tom R, Joshua C, Tui R, Dara O, Freya C & Joey C who will now represent us at the Canterbury Swimming Champs next month.

Kia ora koutou

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Paul Wilkinson & Helen Parata



What's coming up

- 21-24 March Leadership Team at Conference in Melbourne
- 27th March: Year 5 Camp at Waipara
- 29th March Year 6 Camp at Waipara



School Notices

Teacher Only Day – Thursday 13th April

Just a reminder that school will be closed for instruction due to Staff Professional Development on Thursday 13th April.

Court Theatre Family Fun Night

The PTA have organized an evening of laughter for families, Wednesday 12th April, 6:30pm. The Court Theatre Scared Scriptless cast of quick-thinking improvisers work with no scripts or safety nets, turning audience suggestions into a fast-paced, furiously funny interactive comedy extravaganza.

Tickets will be available from the PTA or the school office from next week. Earlybird tickets are available until the end of March for \$5 per person. After then tickets will be \$10 per person. The PTA will be selling food and running carnival like games from 4:30pm on the day, with the show starting at 6:30pm.

Mindful Mover Parent Information Sessions

Mindful Mover are currently implementing a year long Mindfulness Programme at Rawhiti. This work will offer our children and teachers tools that increase focus, self-regulation, resilience to stress and developing positive mind-sets. Come and join Erica and Johanna from Mindful Mover for a talk on Mindfulness: What is it? How do we practice it? What benefits does it have?

We have scheduled two sessions for parents/caregivers. Come along and find out about Mindfulness and get some ideas about how to support your child in learning mindfulness both at school and at home.

Tuesday 28th March 5:30pm

Wednesday 29th March 9:00am (part of the PTA coffee morning session)

Email johanna@mindfulmover.co.nz with any questions or see www.mindfulmover.co.nz for more details.

Year 5/6 Camp to Waipara

Not long to go until camp. Final payment is due Wednesday 22nd March. If payment isn't received in full, or arrangements haven't been made, your child may not be able to attend this camp. Please make contact with Cheryl if you wish to discuss this further. Health forms were due last Friday, it is important these are returned if you haven't already done so, as your child can not attend camp if the form has not been returned. Gear lists and further information will be coming home next week.

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.

Rāwhiti School Bands

Our school bands have been busy performing at community events. Recently both bands, Spitfire & Liquefaction, performed in New Brighton at the market day, and Liquefaction played as part of Children' Day in the RedZone.



Urgently needed.

Plastic supermarket bags, please bring into the office. Thankyou.



Principal Awards

Rongo-Ma-Tane - Anika, Angus, Jakob

RISE Values.

At Rāwhiti School we **RISE** above the ordinary by valuing:

- Resilience
- Integrity
- Success
- Empathy

Here is a great quote about Integrity.



Community Notices

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

Local After School Kids' Drama Classes

The benefits of drama for kids are endless, from confidence to concentration, cooperation, emotional intelligence, creativity, to even numeracy skills! Hello! My name is Laura and I am a local mother. We have the exciting possibility of the fantastic Canvas Bag Drama Co. holding after-school drama classes in the South Brighton Area from Term 2 on. The idea is to start with two groups: 5-7 year olds and 7-9 year olds. The approximate cost would be \$145 per term.

You can have a look at www.canvasbag.nz If you think this is something you are interested in, please contact me on 0212666754 as we need a minimum of 10 kids per class. Day of the week to be confirmed.

The Patricia Paul School of Dance

Your local dance school, is currently giving Jazz, Hip Hop and Ballet lessons in your area. The school's director is teacher, choreographer & ex-ballet dancer Patricia Paul A.R.A.D. (London). Ballet lessons from 3 years through to Advanced, and all levels in Jazz and Hip Hop starting from age 7. For all enquiries please phone 372-9191 or email info@studioone.co.nz

Annabel's Educare

The first years are forever. We offer the highest quality Education and Care for children 0-6 years. Vacancies available in Nursery and Preschool. First month free for all new Nursery enrolments. Come and meet the Teaching team : 6 Pratt Street, New Brighton 03 3888056

www.annabelseducare.co.nz



Sport Canterbury Holiday Programme

The April school holidays are fast approaching! Join us for a week of action packed fun and adventure, with plenty of sport, onsite activities, and outings. To check out the programme details for each venue or register online, go to www.sportcanterbury.org.nz

Week One: 18th - 21st (Easter Monday is the 17th)

- Papanui: enjoy a trip to the Margaret Mahy playground, a rugby skills session with the boys from the Belfast Rugby Club, plus the usual awesome swimming at Graham Condon and trip to Hoyts.
- Lincoln: learn new skills with a session from Touch Canterbury and Canterbury Country Cricket and bounce the afternoon away at Mega Air!
- Pioneer: Juniors get crafty and make and fly your own kite, swim at Pioneer and join the Seniors for a trip to Hoyts to see 'Baby Boss'. Seniors get inventive with a session with Science Alive and hit the pool for swimming fun.
- Westburn: learn new skills with a session from Touch Canterbury, swim at Jellie Park and take trip to Hoyts to see 'Baby Boss'. Juniors - scoot, skate or bike around the Westburn Bike Park, using road safety skills, Seniors - have a go at Frisbee Golf.
- Swannanoa: learn new skills with a session from Canterbury Country Cricket, swim at Dudley Park and get crafty with kite making and flying.
- Ashburton: sharpen your cricket skills with a session from Mid Canterbury Cricket, swim at the EA Centre, including fun on the inflatables and see 'Baby Boss' at the movies.

Week Two: 24th, 26th – 28th (Anzac Day is Tuesday 25th)

- Christchurch Boys High: learn new skills with a session from High School Old Boys Rugby Club, go crazy at the Phat SK8 roller disco, take in a movie at Hoyts. Juniors get crafty and make and fly a kite, Seniors swim at Wharenui.
- Rolleston: take on an orienteering challenge at the Halswell Quarry, Juniors enjoy a picnic and games afternoon at Parekura Reserve, Seniors swim at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre.

YOU'RE INVITED TO...

THE RAY WHITE NEW BRIGHTON

Easter CARNIVAL

SATURDAY 15 APRIL

RAWHITI DOMAIN
NEW BRIGHTON

FREE ENTRY
EASTER EGG HUNT
PONY RIDES + LIVE MUSIC
MEET THE EASTER BUNNY
COLOURING COMPETITION
FACE PAINTING + FOOD CARTS
BOUNCY CASTLE + SAUSAGE SIZZLE
AND MUCH MORE TO COME!

REGISTER NOW
visit www.eventbrite.co.nz




JOIN IN ALL THE FUN WITH AWESOME ACTIVITIES AND ADVENTURE PACKED AFTERNOONS

GenZ
After School and Holiday Program

DAILY ACTIVITIES VARY FROM HOMEWORK HELP, MEDIA, DANCE, ART, SPORT, CHILL TIME AND MUCH MORE!

GenZ
After School and Holiday Program

Haeata Campus
- Before School 7:00am - 8:30am
- After School 2:30pm - 6:00pm

East Campus
- After School 3:00pm - 6:00pm

TIME	SCHEDULE EXAMPLE	FREE ZONES
7:30am - 8:30am	Breakfast and games before school	Relax Zone
3:30pm - 5:30pm	Homework help, afternoon kai and free time to dance, technology and arts.	Media & Technology Area Tablets, Mine Craft and More!
5:30pm - 6:00 pm	Cool down and Clean up	Kids' Lounge Relax in Bean Bags, Movies and Headphones

WINZ Subsidies Available & OSCAR Approved

PAPER
NEW BRIGHTON

countdown

Waikato

Ray White