

**From The Principal**  
**Kia ora koutou**

The warm weather continues and we were able to run the Year 5-8 Cross Country in sunshine on Tuesday.

We were delighted to hear recently that a group of our Year 7&8 students were winners in the New Zealand 'Wall Worthy' competition. The team had to design an outside art work for our school and the judges loved their 'Rising Above' concept – which they will now be able to make a reality somewhere in our school grounds. The prize includes \$750.00 of Resene Paint and accessory vouchers along with a Kaiser Baas camera, a drop cloth, t-shirts caps, high vis vests, and badges. The team must keep a virtual diary of their project along the way and on completion will be sent their final prize of an iPad mini. This is a great example of a collaborative project between children, parents and teachers and we thank everyone involved.



We are also very grateful to the Girl Guides Association for their donation of a new bench seat, made by Guides at their January Jamboree. A lovely gesture – thank you.

**Departures and Arrivals**

Teresa Price leaves us at the end of this week to take up her new position at Thorrington School. Teresa has a long history with North New Brighton School and many of our current Rāwhiti children will have benefitted from her teaching experience. We wish Teresa every success in in her new job. We welcome Mrs Janice Beckett to the teaching team in Haumia-tiketike. Janice is known to many of our children and it was lovely to see them racing up to her for a hug and a hello when we were taking her on a tour of our new school. Janice officially starts with us on Monday but has been in all week relieving, so many of you will have already met her.

We are extremely fortunate to have a team of dedicated relievers who step in, (usually at short notice), when teachers are ill or away on courses. Each week Vicki Stevenson, Tania Luke, Sharon Tipene and Diane Gowland release the teachers for their regular planning mornings. They also release our beginning teachers for their support time and are our first responders when staff are away ill. They know our children and our routines and provide great stability for our children. We also regularly have Marilyn, Lisa-Maree, Trish, and Marie teaching in our classrooms. They love working with our children and we are always pleased to have them here.

George Patterson will also be joining our staff next week as a part time groundsman.



## **Camp Survey Summary**

Thank you to all those who completed the online camp survey last term. The survey showed that Rāwhiti School parents value all the great learning experiences that camps and outdoor experiences can offer. Things like fun, challenge, adventure, team building, and children being pushed outside their comfort zone were all mentioned. Parents value children experiencing the bush, camp cooking, tramping, water safety, and survival skills - to list just a few of the benefits of outdoor education. They recognise the value that camps have for bonding groups together and for building confidence.

Parents are mostly in favour of school camps, with 69.8% of respondents favouring overnight camps ahead of day trips for outdoor experiences, and 75% felt that 2 nights was a good length for a camp. 49% felt that camp should happen every year. Respondents were evenly split in their opinion about whether camp should be at different venues or at the same venue each year.

41% believed 7 or 8 was the youngest age they would want their child staying overnight on school camp and 46% said 9 or 10 years was the right age.

The survey has given us really useful information to help plan our outdoor education programmes for the rest of this year and beyond.

## **Health and Safety**

Health and Safety is everyone's responsibility. If you notice damage to school property or equipment that you think poses a hazard then you can help us by reporting it at the school office where we operate a Hazard Identification register. Just ask Jan or Cheryl and they can assist you with this.

Please remember that our grounds are not supervised before 8:30am or after 3:10pm. We work very hard to ensure safe grounds but, due to the new Health and Safety legislation, children are the responsibility of a parent or caregiver when using the grounds outside school hours and at weekends.

## **Bag Storage Update**

Our bag storage units have been manufactured and we are eagerly awaiting installation. The new Health and Safety Legislation makes it a challenge for these to be installed while children are on site, but this will happen at the beginning of June. Please understand that the timeframes for manufacture and installation are completely outside of our control.

This week children in some of our learning studios are working on solving another challenge – how to store their shoes neatly either inside or outside the studios. There have been some very creative suggestions, and some ideas are already into the prototyping phase. Having the opportunity to be involved in designing projects that matter, provides great learning opportunities for children.

Another example of this student involvement is the furniture plan for our lovely library space. Children have been involved in making decisions about the new shelving, seating areas and other resources they would like to have in this space. It might not seem important to us, but whether books are shelved with their spines or their covers facing out makes a big difference to student engagement with books. The new look shelving will arrive in June. If you want to see the concept plan for the whole space it is on the wall by the television. Elizabeth will be happy to explain it to you and answer any questions.

While there is nothing 'wrong' with our current library furniture - we already have other schools keen to buy what we are replacing - we have worked out that it won't get us the best results from the space.

It's the same with our Learning Studios. We are currently operating with the furniture we brought with us from the closing schools. There is nothing wrong with it and in many cases it is working well in the new spaces. The driving force behind the composition and layout of 21st century classrooms is collaborative learning - a student centred learning model where the teacher is a manager and a facilitator, not solely a lecturer. We need time to explore the use of furniture that supports this type of learning. It will not look like what we remember from our own school days - our own desk and our own chair that we sat at all day in order to 'learn'. Our teachers are involved in an ongoing inquiry about what they need and for what purpose. Many schools have filled their new spaces with new things that look lovely - and have then had to replace it, as it didn't do what they needed it to. We can't afford to make those mistakes. In the mean time, we are not without furniture.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou kato  
Liz Weir



## Principal Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received Principal Awards for outstanding work:

Rongo-Ma-Tane: Riley B, Annabelle, Maea  
Haumia-tiketike: Skye

## Calendar of Events

### May

- 19 School Disco
- 20 Basketball Zones
- 23 Avonside Girls visiting Yr 8
- 24 Our first Night at the Rāwhiti Library
- 24 Cross Country Zones Queenspark School
- 27 School Assembly 9.15am

### June

- 1 PTA Coffee Morning  
Welcome To Rāwhiti New Entrant Party
- 6 Queen's Birthday Weekend
- 9 Eastside Rocks
- 10 School Assembly 9.15am  
Eastside Rocks
- 15 PTA Coffee Morning
- 22 Court Theatre Matariki  
Canterbury Cross Country
- 24 School Assembly 9.15am
- 29 PTA Coffee Morning



## School Notices

### Staff Carpark

Please could parents respect the fact that the staff carpark is for staff vehicles.

### Road Crossing

Thank you to everyone who is helping us to manage safe road crossing at the end of the day. We know that it can be difficult finding a park and getting your children across the road safely. We are working with the Christchurch City Council traffic planners to help us find a solution that works. In the meantime we would really appreciate it if you could avoid crossing the road at the speed bump on the corner of Leaver Tce and Grantley St. We understand that this may mean a slightly longer walk to the controlled crossing but your assistance with this will help us keep everyone safe.

### Winter sports Year 5 - 8



The cost for sport is \$35.00 per child and must be paid either in full, or arrangements need to have been made with the office, before Winter Sport begins. Payment is required before June 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 for your child to be eligible to play.

Internet banking is available: 03 0814 0000333 25. Please put your child's name as a reference.

### Court Theatre – Matariki Celebration “The Little Eyes in the Sky”

On Wednesday June 22<sup>nd</sup> the Court Theatre are bringing their Matariki show to Rāwhiti School. Mountains, oceans, sailing ships and stars will be part of the show as young Kahurangi explores the skies above to discover the cultural, spiritual and personal meaning of Matariki.

Kahurangi embarks on a unique journey of discovery to visit the seven stars of Matariki, a star constellation representing a *whānau* (family) of six sisters and their mother, Matariki.

‘Matariki – the Little Eyes in the Sky’ tells the story of Kahurangi and her adventure to meet each of the sisters and their nurturing mother. Along the way she is given valuable life lessons in strength, sharing, kindness, encouragement and positive attitude, all under the watchful eye of Matariki.

Using live music and singing, large scale puppetry, storytelling, *te reo* (Māori language), *kapa haka* (Māori performance) and audience interaction, this magical story will encourage students on their own journey of discovery, giving them a wonderful celebration of Matariki and the cultural diversity of their school.

The cost for the show is \$2.50 per student with the school contributing the balance to bring this show to our school. Payment is required before June 17<sup>th</sup>. Please send money in a named envelope to the school office.

## Science Home Learning Challenges

As part of our Term 2 Science learning around the concept of 'Power', we are planning a Science Learning Celebration for Thursday 30 June, (time to be confirmed), where the children will be sharing their learning from class. We thought it would also provide an opportunity to showcase all the learning that can happen at home too.

We have put together some Science-Power Challenges that children and families might like to try at home. These are some suggestions but you are most welcome to find your own Science learning challenge to try if these ideas don't appeal.

<https://docs.google.com/a/rawhiti.school.nz/document/d/1NptOms4BOWnmyHm1DDEhvVeWP8yds0NDQsZ1cWmFmdU/edit?usp=sharing>

## Book Night

Rāwhiti Students & family you're invited to....

**When:** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016

**Time:** 5.30 – 7.30 pm

**Where:** Rāwhiti School

Play a Kahoot quiz!

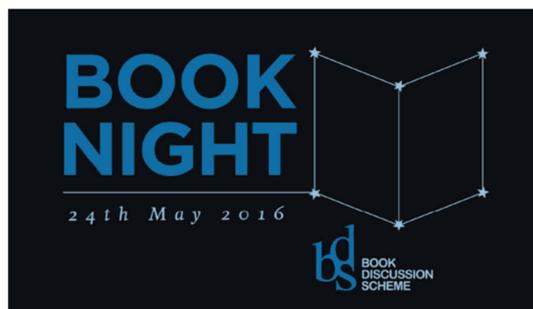
Read a book in the library space!

Head into the 'new' library extension (aka hall), with your torch....if you dare! Can you find all of the clues?

**What to wear:** PJ's

**What to bring:** Torch

(Parents/Caregivers device for selfies to enter the Book Night Competition)



## July School Holiday Camp

Many of our students each holiday enjoy the challenges and experiences that holiday camp has to offer. If you think your child would love to go to camp please pop into the school office and complete an application form.

Camp dates for the July holidays are:

Year 7 & 8 students – 13-17 July 2016 at Woodend Camp.

Year 5 & 6 students - 18-22 July 2016 at Woodend Camp.

Nominations are required by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

## Cross Country

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2016, we walked down to the New Brighton beach. It wasn't perfect weather but the rain cleared up in time for the first race, the year 5 & 6 girls. This was followed shortly after by the year 5 & 6 boys. While the Year 7 & 8s cheered them on at the finish line. The tired and puffed kids took their placings.

Year 5 girls	Year 5 boys	Year 6 girls	Year 6 boys
1st Carmen	1st Tom	1st Sarah	1st Brooklyn
2nd Jayme	2nd Connor M	2nd Zoe L	2nd Harley
3rd Milly	3rd Jack R	3rd Mikayla T	3rd Josh



As the last kids finished, it was the Year 7 & 8s turn. I was one of them. We moaned and already felt tired as we heard the whistle blow. Piper took pictures of us looking red faced and puffed, not our finest hour. But at the finish we felt great that it was over with the help of cheering kids we took our placings.

<b>Year 7 girls</b>	<b>Year 7 boys</b>	<b>Year 8 girls</b>	<b>Year 8 boys</b>
1st Kiara	1st Leroy	1st Aroha	1st Noah MH
2nd Shayla	2nd Corey	2nd Hollie	2nd Damien
3rd Sophie	3rd Jesse	3rd Lizzie	3rd Isaiah

This is what some of the winners thought of the Cross Country

- It was fun, good run - Brooklyn
- Simple and easy - Harley
- It felt very short and fun - Zoe L
- It was fun - Carmen
- It was challenging for me but it was fun - Milly
- It was challenging and fun - Aroha
- WELL DONE TO OUR WINNERS!!!!

## Community Notices



Saturday 21st of May is the annual **Smokefree Rockquest Canterbury heats**. A great opportunity to be inspired by some talented young musicians and to support **MCB**, one of our active bands from Marian College who are competing in the **2pm slot**.

The event is being held at the **Aurora Centre, Cnr Greers Rd & Memorial Ave, \$10 Door charge**.

Although MCB is in the 2pm performance slot, there are also Solo / Duo acts from 12pm-2pm, and another set of band acts from 4:30pm onwards.

Hope to see you there!

Josiah  
Amplify School of Music

## Annual Deep Sea Oil Drilling Protest

On the 21st of May 2016, people from all walks of life are going to stand up against deep sea oil drilling at the

Sixth consecutive Hands across the Sand event held at New Brighton Pier in Christchurch.

This year's Hands across the Sand event in Christchurch will showcase the links between deep sea oil drilling, climate change and worldwide conservation efforts. "Deep sea oil drilling not only can have massive implications on conservation efforts in the short term with the risk from oil spills, but also in the long term as many species feel the strain of unpredictable weather events and changing temperatures on their habitats" said White.

Hands across the Sand is a worldwide event standing up against fossil fuel extraction, and calling for renewable energy alternatives. "It's brilliant to be a part of a wider movement, knowing that groups all around the world are standing up with us to save our planet."

"Each month for the last eleven months has been hotter than the month before. We expect a much bigger crowd of participants at this week's Hands across the Sands."

**SATURDAY MAY 21, 2016, 11:30 TO 12:30 NEW BRIGHTON BEACH NEXT TO THE PIER**

