

## Newsletter 8: 2 June 2016

### From The Deputy Principals

Kia ora koutou



### Board of Trustees

Congratulations to Karen, Jen, Jonny & Janet who have been successfully re-elected as our parent representatives, and Elizabeth as our staff representative on the Board of Trustees for the next three years. We look forward to continuing working alongside this diverse team of people who have big dreams for the future of Rāwhiti Primary School.

### Staffing Update

Wayne McQueen continues to support his wife Annette with her illness and for the remainder of Term 2, he will be working three days a week. Jude Seeto will cover the other two days in Tane Mahuta.

Sue Vaughan will finish with us at the end of this term, as she takes up a position at Burnham School. Sue 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 Sue every success in her new job. The appointments process for a replacement teacher is underway and we will farewell Sue later in the term.

Sharon Tipene, who is a part of our release teaching team will finish at Rāwhiti next week as her own business, she has been building up now requires her to commit full time.

Liz is currently away on sick leave. I know you will join with us in wishing her a speedy recovery.

Kylie continues to be at home recovering from her foot operation. Caroline will continue to support Emma in the New Entrant class for the remainder of this term.

Next week (Tuesday and Wednesdays evenings) the staff will be completing a first-aid course.

### Night at the Library

Thanks to all the parents and family who came along to our first Night at the Library. It was a huge success and it was lovely to see families reading together, doing the quiz or searching for clues. Did you see the skeleton reading by torch-light? You can see some photos on the Library blog <http://rawhitilibraryvoice.blogspot.co.nz/>

### Sport update

Winter Sport starts tomorrow. Thanks to all the parents and staff who have offered their support as coaches and managers for these teams. We have students representing our school in Hockey, Soccer, Rugby, Table Tennis, Lawn Bowls and Netball. We hope to have our new sports uniforms in place soon. These have been ordered and are currently being manufactured. We are eagerly awaiting their arrival ... they will be worth the wait!

### Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Helen Parata & Paul Wilkinson



## Principal Awards

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

Rongo-mā-tāne – Charli, Jakob  
Papatūānuku – Janaya & Manaia, Lexie  
Tāwhirimātea – Lily  
Haumia-tiketike – Rosie, Lily, William, Levi, Jazmin, Jakaiya



## Calendar of Events

### June

- 6 Queen's Birthday Weekend
- 9 Eastside Rocks
- 10 School Assembly 9.15am  
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- 15 PTA Coffee Morning
- 22 Court Theatre Matariki  
Canterbury Cross Country
- 24 School Assembly 9.15am
- 29 PTA Coffee Morning
- 30 BoT Meeting 6.30pm



### July

- 4-8 Māori Language Week
- 7 PTA Meeting 7.30pm

## School Notices

### Car Park Safety

Our school car park poses a health and safety risk to children and that is why we ask parents to use the main gates when walking children in to and out of the school. Unfortunately many parents are using our car park as a handy drop off and pick up space, which poses an unnecessary risk to our students. As health and safety is everyone's responsibility we ask that parents do not enter the school car park before and after school unless your vehicle displays a valid disability parking permit.

### Cross Country Zones

On Tuesday the 24th of May, students represented our school in the cross country zones. They went to Queenspark School to compete. Lots of our students came in the top 10 so well done to them. There was one student who came first out of all the year fives.

Congratulations Tom Robertson, good luck for Canterburys!

*Written by the media team girls, Piper & Lucy.*

### Our Year Eight Leadership Camp

Our year eight students went on a leadership camp to Peel Forest.

We faced challenging activities that tested our limits. We did horse riding, white water rafting, (which we loved the most,) and a high ropes course. Even though these seem fun, we did have some activities that really tested our limits. Like a three and a half long hike up a muddy hill which was challenging for most but an incredible experience. The view on the walk was breathtaking. The best part of the hike was the mini waterfalls on the way down.

Here is some pictures of us doing our activities:



In the morning we awoke with the sound of pots and pans banging together at 6:30am. We got dressed in basically two minutes then had to go on a 1k run the dark. When we arrived back at camp, we could watch the sunrise and get ready for breakfast. The kids spent the whole day out each day.

I found some limits that I didn't know I had, for example I didn't realise how puffed I would get, ten minutes into the hike. I found my inner strength. I didn't think I could do the whole tramp but I did. I feel really proud of myself for pushing hard and completing it, and really pleased I never have to do it again!

When we arrived back at school we were so very exhausted and happy to be sleeping in a house with real beds and flushing toilets!

So we would like to thank all the helpers that made our camp possible - the parents, teachers, Jane who cooked the meals and took care of all our foodie needs. And to Matt who ran the whole thing with a positive attitude even when he lost his camera in the river at white water rafting. A massive thank you to the BOT who supported us and help subsidise this for us. We couldn't have done it without your support! Thank you also to everyone who came to the disco and supported our fundraising.

*Review of camp written by Year 8s Piper and Lucy*

## **Basketball**

Last Friday we had the eastern zones for our year 5&6 basketball team and our year 7&8 basketball team.

Also in other hoop news, the year 7&8 Cowles weekly competition started, here is a picture of the zones team.

On the 31st of May, our Year 7/8 basketball team played the team from Te Pā o Rākaihautū. The score was 16 – 12. Everyone was smiling because they had a win and played really well as a team. Well done to Jesse, Nuku, Ashdyn, Eli, Hayley, Jadah, Raven, Lucas and Rueben.



## **Enviro Group**

Each learning studio has been learning about worm farming and making their own. Children have been learning about what worms like to eat and how they produce worm juice to use as a fertilizer for our gardens.

## 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.

## 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 your child is eligible to play.

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

## 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>

## 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.

## Dental Therapist's

The Dental Van will be here Tuesday next week and they will slowly work their way through the classes.

## Community Notices

### Imagination Station Charity Event

I am organising a charity event to save the Christchurch Imagination Station from closing its doors forever. This is perhaps one of Christchurch's best family oriented venues and learning centers and as a result, I have assembled a large group of volunteers who have banded together to do all we can to save it.

On 04 June 2016 from 11:00am - 1:00pm, the Imagination Station will be filled with a variety of characters from Disney Princesses, Faeries, Mary Poppins, Maleficent herself, The Wizard of New Zealand and a number of iconic characters from the Star Wars Galaxy all in replica costumes. It is our hope that people attending the event will donate a Gold Coin donation for photographs with the assembled characters.

I am hoping you will consent to share this event with your staff and pupils. I am aware a number of Christchurch Schools use the Imagination Station and I hope you will come along and support the efforts of a number of volunteers who are giving up our time and energy to make a difference.

The Facebook Event is provided thus:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/167171627018208/>

### School Holiday : Give your Dog a Job Training

What jobs can your child teach their dog? Find out during the July School Holidays.

Come either the first or second week. Limited spots.

More information on [www.nakeddog.co.nz/classes.html](http://www.nakeddog.co.nz/classes.html)

Email [info@nakeddog.co.nz](mailto:info@nakeddog.co.nz)

### Winter Solstice ride

Has your child recently completed Cycle Safe. How about taking them on a safe night time adventure? Bling out your bike, helmet and person with as many lights as you can. Prizes for various categories including the brightest bike, of course! And new this year, thanks to Bikewise: swag!

The purpose is to brightly support safe cycling infrastructure in the new Christchurch, for commuters, kids riding to school and for adults riding to partake in our growing CBD!

Our bike light ride starts at the Hagley Park Mickle gates (where Armagh st meets Park Terrace) and we ride counter clockwise around the park on the footpath or road - your choice. Meet inside the Park at the Armagh Street Mickle Gates June 21<sup>st</sup> from 5pm for a 5.30pm start.

This is a family-friendly event but organisers urge that you ride with your children as it is pretty dark after 5.30pm.

Event will be held rain or snow or wind or hail or a nice warm evening.



## **RAD Cycles**

Anyone with an interest in learning more about bikes, you don't even have to be able to change a tyre, they will teach you it all. Offer a drop in centre where you can repair or modify your own bike. They also offer a kids after school programme.

## **IceCycles**

ICEcycles is dedicated to helping people in the Christchurch area ride bikes more often - for health, for enjoyment, and for everyday transport. They provide free bicycle repairs and supply used bicycles to people who cannot otherwise afford one. They also donate bikes to people in need. **Do you have a spare bike?** ICE cycles accept bike donations and will rehome to a person in need.

## **Frocks on bikes**

**Frocks On Bikes Christchurch** are about encouraging the Garden City's women to see cycle commuting as the obvious transport option in our beautiful- and FLAT - urban landscape. A social friendly ride at different locations each month. Families welcome.

## **Lazy Sunday rides**

Lazy Sunday Cycle Christchurch aims to create an opportunity for normal people in normal clothes on normal bicycles to be able to ride bicycles for fun.

### *Natural Magic Pirates The Coconut Whangersnozzle Pirate Show*



*Crackers the Parrot, a wily and cheeky bird, helps the Pirates of Madagadabadabada to outwit the Great Crocodile who has invaded their waterhole. A lively original pirate Puppet Show from Natural Magic.*

***Saturday 4th June***

***1pm***

*ANTIDOTE JUICE BAR,  
NEW BRIGHTON*

*CARNABY LANE  
KOHA*