



Rāwhiti School
Newsletter 2: February 26 2015

From the Principal Kia ora koutou

Here we are at the end of Week 4 – hard to believe. Our Board of Trustees and Leadership Team spent a very productive and exciting day together last weekend talking school vision and planning the next important steps for Rāwhiti School. Students, staff and whanau will be consulted on school values and vision over the next months.

Joining Together

Our primary focus for these first few weeks of the term has been ensuring our tamariki have had a settled start and are making those all important connections with teachers and friends – old and new. We are very proud of the way children are adjusting to new school protocols and routines, as well as learning and playing in new places with new faces. We have received very positive feedback from visitors about the tone in each playground. If you are at any time concerned about how well your child is managing their new surroundings please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher to have a chat. Our amazing teachers are more than willing to talk with you and are very focused on making the situation work for every child.

We know that it is equally important that we develop our whole school culture – and so we are now busy planning opportunities for our Learning Teams to join together before the end of this very short term. Upcoming events include the Swimming Sports (ages 9+, Beach base), a Duffy Theatre Assembly + lunch (Beach Base), a get together for Years 1- 4 (QE2 Base), a Duffy Role Model Assembly (Years 4-8) and a whole school end of term Assembly in the Roy Stokes Hall. Look for dates and times elsewhere in this newsletter. Children will be transported between bases by bus and the school will meet the full cost of this.

Change of Staff

Last week we farewelled Stacey Park and this week we welcomed Stacey Nicholson. We congratulate Stacey and Mo on their marriage last weekend and I am sure you all join with me in wishing them every happiness for their future together.

Where's Liz?

In case you are wondering why you might not see me every day I split each week between our two sites, currently spending 3 days a week on the QE2 Base and 2 days a week on the Beach Base – simply because there are more classes and therefore more names for me to learn on the QE2 Base! Our office staff always know where to find me – so give them a call if you want to either chat or meet with me. You can also talk to Paul Wilkinson on the QE2 Base and Helen Parata on the Beach Base. Paul and Helen are fully released and are doing a great job of supporting teachers and learners on each site.

Finally, some proof that progress is being made on our third, but not forgotten, site.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa
Liz Weir





These children have shared fantastic work with Liz, Paul or Helen this week.

**Room Q11: Brooke, Freya
Room Q 5/6: Ben A, Rosie, Clara, Amber, Maiah, Olive, Alyssa
Room Q 3: Jacob, Christine
Room Q1C: Isaiah**

Calendar of Events



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| 2 March | | Swimming sports Beach Base |
| 9 March | 11.00 | Duffy Theatre and lunch Beach Base for Years 1-6 |
| 12 March | 6.30 | BOT Meeting QE2 Base |
| 19 March | 11.30 | Duffy Role Model Assembly for Years 4-8 QE2 Base |
| 23-25 March | | Year 5-6 Camp to Waipara |
| 24 March | | Year 4 visit to QE2 Base |
| 26 March | | BOT Election Day BOT Meeting QE2 Base |
| 2 April | 11.00 | Whole School Assembly Royal Stokes Hall, |
| 2 April | | End of Term |

SCHOOL NOTICES

Contact Details

Rāwhiti School, PO Box 18886, New Brighton, Christchurch 8061.

Ph 388 9519 (Beach Base and QE2 Base)

Email: admin@rawhiti.school.nz

Website: www.rawhiti.school.nz

Follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/RawhitiSchool

QEII Base car parking

Thank you everyone for being patient with us and with each other as we try to work out car and bus parking solutions for QEII Base. We have had some help from the police and the city council with what will work best. Shortly we will have some more parking available in Terelle St (They are going to move the fences for us) and you are also welcome to park on the empty section opposite the school front entrance. Please could you avoid parking on the yellow lines and leave the space where we put the cones out for the buses to come in and out of. Thank you for your consideration.

If there are any parents who would be willing to do a regular Road Patrol from 3.00 p.m. to 3.10 p.m. we would love to hear from you. Please contact Paul at QEII Base or email paul@rawhiti.school.nz

School Donations

The Board of Trustees has set the level of the school donation for 2015 at \$50 for one child and \$80 for a family. \$50 per child, across the school year, is the equivalent of \$1.25 per week, or just 25 cents per school day.

Funds from donations are an important part of the school budget and allow us to provide superior resources for our students by supplementing the the money we receive from the Government.

Schools find it difficult to operate without this donation – which is entirely voluntary. Any payment is tax deductible.

Drum Lessons at Rāwhiti School 2015

Mitchell Thomas is a professional drum teacher and musician in Christchurch. He has studied at the CPIT Jazz school and has worked as a freelance musician for The Court Theatre as well as becoming a regular part of the Christchurch music scene. Mitchell will be offering drum lessons to students of Rawhiti School on both the Beach Base and the QE2 Base during school hours, provided we have at least 6 children wanting lessons. If you are interested please call, text or email Mitchell to find out more. Mobile: 021 184 5186. Email: Mitchell.p.thomas@gmail.com

Fruit in Schools

We are indeed fortunate to be part of the Fruit In Schools Programme. This means that we receive deliveries of beautiful fresh fruit on each site – at least 2-3 pieces of fruit per child twice week. This is proving to be very popular – but you may well notice that children are bringing home the fruit you are already providing in their lunches. Monday and Wednesday are our fruit delivery days – so you may wish to adjust what is sent from home on those days.

Computers in Homes

Families without access to a computer at home will be interested in the Computers in Homes scheme that will be operating at Rawhiti School in Term 2. This amazing programme provides a computer, computer training and financial assistance with an internet connection. Please check the details further on in this newsletter.

Smoking

All schools are Smoke Free environments. We respectfully request that parents and caregivers refrain from smoking directly outside the school gates at the beginning and end of each day, or leaving cigarette butts on the pavement. We appreciate your undersanding.

Rāwhiti School Bank Account Number

The account number for making automatic payments/internet payments for your child's account has changed. The new number is 030 814 0000 333 25.

We understand that the start of the school year can be an expensive time for families and we would like to work with you to make these costs more manageable. Please either visit or call Cheryl, our Executive Officer in the Beach Base office, to set up an automatic payment schedule to help you spread costs across the school year.

Eftpos is available to you on both the Beach Base and the QE2 Base.

School Uniform – Tee shirts

We are expecting our order of small and xtra-small tee-shirts any day now. Thank you for your patience.

School Uniform – Sunhats

Sunhats must be worn this term. There is no regulation sunhat for 2015. Children can wear whatever sunhat they have at home that has a full brim. Darker colours preferred. No caps, and no offensive slogans. Please ensure hats are named.

Swimming Pool Keys

Keys for the Beach Base swimming pool will be available to Rāwhiti families for purchase from Monday Feb 16th at a cost of \$20 for the remainder of the swimming season. Keys must be collected by an adult and a pool users agreement will need to be signed. Please see Cheryl in the Beach Base office.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be operating on the QE2 Base on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8.00 am, and on the Beach Base Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8.15 am.

Music lessons at QEII Base

If your child is interested in learning piano, keyboard, recorder, clarinet, saxophone, ukulele, or guitar please call 3771 753 for information on lessons during school time.

Duffy Books

Duffy Books kindly give all our families pre-schoolers a book for their birthdays. If you would like to be part of this please advise the office of your child's name and the names of any preschool siblings and their full birth date.

Thank you.

Rāwhiti Beach Base OSCAR

Room 10 Rawhiti Beach Base 3pm -5.45pm. \$16.10 per session. Free pickup from QE2 Base. Winz subsidy available. Phone Sandra on 027 464 0005. Oscar and CYFS approved.

Fun Day at the cricket with some of our Students



Community Notices

St Andrew's After-school Programme

St. Andrew's Church 107-109 Marriotts Road

Come along and have fun doing crafts and taking part in other activities. Tuesday afternoons during school term \$2.00 donation.

Any queries phone Win Jacobs 981 1292.

CELEBRATION LIONS RUGBY LEAGUE JUNIORS 2015

REGISTRATION DAYS FOR JUNIORS

SATURDAY 14TH & 28TH FEBRUARY

Registration Days: Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm

(rego forms to be completed & signed by parents/guardian)

Register: Celebration Centre Office,

81 Bickerton St, Wainoni, ph:3738032

Home Grounds: Cuthberts Green, Pages Rd

Junior Grades: 5yrs up to 18yrs

New Players: Bring ID ie: birth cert, passport

SUBS: \$35 per player and less for extra siblings

Youth Alive Trust Clubs 2015

Weekly 'safer streets' social clubs are starting again soon. These clubs are for anyone who likes a bit of fun, crazy team challenges, sports, crafts, trips out and making new friends. Led by trained staff and enthusiastic volunteers. Visit www.yat.org.nz or call 3881001 for more info

Years 1 – 3: Girls Club – Wednesdays 3:30-5:30pm \$10 Term 1 (starts 4th March)
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Years 7 – 8: Rock Solid – Fridays 4:30 – 6:30pm \$10 Term 1 (starts 27th Feb)
Years 9 – 13: Surge – Fridays 7:30 – 9:30pm \$10 Term 1 (starts 27th Feb)
Years 1 – 13: Amplify Music Lessons – Guitar, Drums, Bass & Vocal Lessons. Various.

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Organic Head lice Shampoo

Let's stop head lice in our school

Suitable for the whole family, completely safe, extremely effective and affordable

\$18.50 Shampoo

\$13.00 Repellent

www.immersioncosmetics.co.nz or phone Shelley 3880820



Computers In Homes is a programme that brings computer technology within reach of all New Zealand families with school aged children.

Computers in Homes will be operating out of Rawhiti School in Term Two 2015.

If you do not have a computer at home, and would like to be part of the group receiving *computer training, a computer and an internet connection* (where possible), please sign up at the school office as soon as possible. Whanau and other families in the community are welcome to sign up as well. There is a cost of \$50, which you must pay to the school office by the end of Term Two. A graduation ceremony will take place in the last week of the term, where you will receive your certificate and your computer to take home.

Please come and join us for a quick meeting on either **Monday March 9th in the QE2 Base staff room, or Tuesday March 10th in the Beach Base staff room** to find out more about the Computers in Homes programme.

We look forward to working with you!

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