



## Rāwhiti School Newsletter 11: June 4<sup>th</sup> 2015

From the Principal  
Kia ora koutou

### Great Feedback

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Last week our Year 7 students were out and about investigating different styles of playgrounds to help us make decisions about the landscaping plan for our Leaver Terrace site. Part way through the day I received the email below from the Head of Middle School at Middleton Grange School.

*Dear Liz. I am writing to commend to you the group of pupils and staff who visited Middleton Grange to look at our Middle School playground today. A number of pupils went out of their way to thank us for the visit and one pupil (unsure of his name) even found an empty yoghurt container on our playground which he picked up and walked 50m to the nearest bin to put it in! The manner and interaction myself and another Senior Leader experienced from your pupils was outstanding!  
Please pass on our thanks to your team!!*

This is great feedback for these children and their teachers, and is exactly what we expect of our children when they are out representing our school.

### Rāwhiti Sports News

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Congratulations to all the athletes who represented Rāwhiti School at the Eastern Zones Cross Country. I hear the races were hard and fast and the Rawhiti team did very well. Our top results were: **Alan** (Yr 8 Boys) 2<sup>nd</sup>; **Kiara** (Yr 6 Girls) 3<sup>rd</sup>; **Joshua** (Yr 5 Boys) 5<sup>th</sup>. These athletes now move to the next level, the Canterbury Cross Country Championships on Wednesday June 10. Very well done, this is a huge achievement!

Winter sport is underway each Friday for Years 5-8. Rāwhiti School has 136 children involved each week - that's 18 teams all up, playing hockey, rugby, football, netball and table tennis. Obviously we couldn't enter this number of teams if we didn't have so many amazing parents prepared to act as coaches and team managers – a huge thank you to those donating their time to the school for this purpose.

Our Year 7/8 Hockey team had a win against Parkview last Friday.



### Ideas and Input

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Many thanks for all your ideas for our school logo, our school uniform, and also the feedback as to what you would like to see included in the landscaping plan for our school. We really appreciate your patience as we work through all the different components of our new image (yes, that includes new sports uniforms!). Watch out for a property update in the next school newsletter – and if you have the time, pop over to Leaver Terrace and take a look at the structural steel going up around our new hall space.

Please do register for our upcoming 'Mindset' parent seminar on June 18<sup>th</sup> – details page 2.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa  
Liz Weir



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

Room Q5/6: Olive, Rosie, Clara, Makenzie, Da Jahn

Room Q2: Ava, Freya, Brooke, Brooklyn.

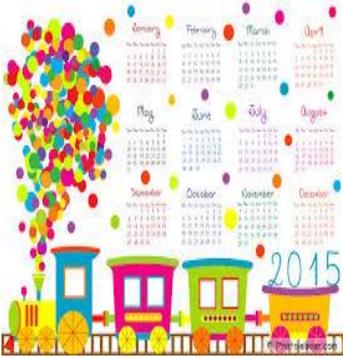
Room Q9/10: Liam, Adam, Bella, Anika, Logan, Greta, Tara, Maia.

Room Q7: Ahava, Muika, Bluebell, Nikita, Izzy.

Room Q8: Lucia

Room B6: Ted.

## Calendar of Events



### June

8 QE2 Base Assembly 2.15pm

12 Beach Base Assembly 10am

18 **Teacher Only Day – School Closed**

18 Parent Seminar 'Growth Mindsets' 7pm QE2 Base

21 **PTA Quiz Night** 7pm at One Good Horse

24 PTA Meeting 7.30pm

25 BOT meeting 6.30pm

### July

3 End of Term 2.

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Sausage Sizzle HELP!

Our weekly sausage sizzles are **very** popular at both bases. The children enjoy their yummy warm lunch at this time of the year, and parents enjoy having the day off making lunches. Rāwhiti School is so big these days that our regular sausage sizzle volunteers are finding it hard to cope with the demand all by themselves. We desperately need some helpers to assist them.

The PTA would like to appeal to all Rāwhiti whanau. Please check your diary and see if there is a time you could possibly help us out. **Even if it is just once.** Many hands make light work! It would be very much appreciated and would ensure the sausage sizzle can continue for the rest of this year.

- Taking Orders 8:30 - 9am
- Assisting with Cooking, serving & clean up 11:45am - 12:15pm
- QEII base - Thursdays
- Beach Base – Fridays

Please contact Louise and put your name down to assist. Email: [pta@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:pta@rawhiti.school.nz) or text 021 2855 888

Thank you in advance, Your Rawhiti PTA

### 'Mindset' Parents Seminar

Developing a Growth Mindset in your child can be one of the most important things you do for your child's education. Building and reinforcing a deep understanding that their most basic qualities, such as their intelligence and talents, are things they can develop, opens the doors to unlimited success. In this presentation for Rāwhiti parents, James Anderson will not only explain what a Growth Mindset is, but more importantly help you understand how to reinforce this message with your child in a world filled with fixed mindset messages.

Come along to what we promise will be a fascinating and engaging evening about how to do this at home. When our whole school community reinforce this growth Mindset message, we help prepare your child not only for success in school, but set them up for success in all areas of life.

7pm on the QE2 Base Thursday June 18th.

You can RSVP by going to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and entering the event code 4ZRAJ.

## Absence Messages

If for any reason you intend keeping your child away from school please phone 388 9519 and leave a message on our school answering system. We really appreciate when you do this as it really does save our office staff a lot of time when they don't have to make as many phone calls home. We are also noticing a number of children consistently arriving late in the mornings. Please ensure your child arrives at school in plenty of time to set themselves up for a day of learning.

## Free Dental Care for Children - with special information regarding Yr 8 Students

One of our Community Dental Service preventive mobiles will be visiting your school soon.

- We will be aiming to see that all school age children enrolled with the Community Dental Service have their dental check-up in the dental mobile while it is there.
- **Year 8 students:** all year 8 students enrolled with the Community Dental Service are transferred from the Community Dental Service to a FREE private dentist from year 9 until their 18th birthday. To help with this transition please ensure you have informed your child of their family dentist (not orthodontist). This will enable us to transfer your child onto the correct dentist for year 9 onwards. More information will be sent home after their year 8 check-up.
- The dental therapist will not only be checking the children's teeth but will also Xray, clean, and apply protective treatments (including fluoride) if required.
- If your child requires further dental care such as fillings they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care and appointment times are required
- When you receive the 'Care Plan' please contact our **Call Centre as soon as possible** as you will need to arrange a time to bring your child to one of our Community Clinics for this dental care
- **Please let us know ASAP if you do not wish your child to have any of this care, you can talk to the staff in the mobile or phone/email our Call Centre**
- If you wish to be present at your child's check up this will need to take place at our community clinic so please phone/email our **Call Centre** to make an appointment
- Please contact our Call Centre if you want further information on the Community Dental Service, to enrol your child or if you have any specific questions about your child's dental care (a dental therapist will call you back)

**To contact our Call Centre: phone 0800 846 983 / email [commdental@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:commdental@cdhb.health.nz)**

## School Accounts

We are very mindful of the difficult financial situations some of our families find themselves in and are sensitive to parents who are struggling to afford their contribution to curriculum items for their children. If you are not able to make the full contribution to any trip or item we encourage you to make early contact with Cheryl or Jan, 3889 519, to discuss the options available.

One option is Internet banking which is a great way to make regular weekly payments towards school expenses. The account number is 03 0814 0000333 25. Please put your child's name as a reference. We are more than happy to work with you to ensure that no Rāwhiti child misses out on anything that is linked to our curriculum that has a cost associated with it. We are here to help.

### School Contact Details

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

Ph. 388 9519 (Beach Base and QE2 Base) Email: [admin@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:admin@rawhiti.school.nz)

Website: [www.rawhiti.school.nz](http://www.rawhiti.school.nz)

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### **Dav Pilkey - Captain Underpants!**

A lucky group of children went to Shirley Boy's High School to listen to the author of the Captain Underpants series, Dav Pilkey.

Dav Pilkey drew us an A2 size picture of Captain Underpants and this is going to look amazing in our new library space!



## **Community Notices**

### **Wise-Up**

**Wise-Up** is an 8-week course for children aged 6 – 12 years, teaching skills for everyday life. We look at how to recognise feelings and emotions, and explore new and different ways of dealing with these. Children also learn how to keep themselves safe, work in groups and handle peer pressure.

**Programme Details:** In Term 3, 2015 we are holding a community group at Linwood North School on a Tuesday, starting July 28<sup>th</sup>, which runs from 3:30-5:00pm for 8 weeks. Cost: We ask for a small contribution, please discuss this with our Wise-Up Coordinator.

For **information** & enrolments contact: Tineke Wolters at the Methodist Mission. Phone 3751470 or 0277559860 Email: [tineke@mmsi.org.nz](mailto:tineke@mmsi.org.nz)

### **Gifted children**

**What is Giftedness? How do I know if my child is gifted? How can my child's school help?** Jenny Smith will provide an introduction to giftedness on **Wednesday 24th June at The Medbury Centre, Medbury School, Creyke Road, Ilam between 7pm and 9pm**. This event is free but you must register on the Canterbury Explorers website, [www.canterburyexplorers.org.nz](http://www.canterburyexplorers.org.nz), by Monday 22nd June. Parents, caregivers and teachers are all welcome. After Jenny's presentation, there will be an opportunity to ask questions and chat with parents of gifted children. Should you have any queries please e-mail [info@canterburyexplorers.org.nz](mailto:info@canterburyexplorers.org.nz).

### **Child Care Available**

Porse in home educator available in South Brighton,

I'm proud to be a local in Brighton, I'm a mum of four children and have worked with pre school children for over 20 years.

My home is warm, fun and nurturing I have a large, secure outdoor area well set up for children and will provide your child with a safe environment to play, learn and explore, part time and full time spaces available as well as having subsidies available

For my information please call Lisa on 3822081 or 0277874256