



From the Principal Kia ora koutou

I had a great day at Matatini with the children from the bilingual unit last Friday – despite it being the wettest day of the year so far! As well as being inspired by the amazing performances the tamariki in years 6/8 were involved in one of the Hauora stalls promoting their Rāwhiti Rongoa blend of herbal tea, made from Kawakawa, Kanuka, peppermint and liquorice. Feedback from the public was overwhelmingly positive and the team did a great job of talking with members of the public about the process they had worked through to produce the tea.

Learning Conversations

Over the last two weeks of the term we will be offering all parents and caregivers the opportunity to make a time for a 'Learning Conversation' with your child and their key teacher. You may have known these by a different name at your previous schools, such as 'Parent – Teacher Interviews' or '3-Way Conferences'.

Learning Conversations are just that – an opportunity for you, your child and their key teacher to discuss their learning this term. Children will be able to share with you how they have managed the challenges of becoming part of Rāwhiti School, and teachers will share with you the information they have gathered this term about your child's learning and achievement. We have set aside 30 minutes for each Learning Conversation as we know you will have plenty to talk about!

You can make your bookings on-line by going to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. The event code you will need is **6WS89**.

If you do not have computer access please contact the school office and they will assist you in making a booking.

Starting School in 2015

It's never too early to let us know you have a child turning five some time this year! We will be opening another Year 1 class at the beginning of Term 2 to cater for our increasing number of New Entrant children, and knowing who else is due to start will help us plan for additional staff throughout the year. If you have a little person due to start school at any time – or know of friends and neighbours intending to enrol at Rāwhiti this year, please contact Jan in the QE2 Base office for an enrolment form, or to make a time to meet with me to discuss your enrolment.

If you missed the Computers in Homes meetings this week it is not too late get involved in this scheme. If you do not have a computer and internet connection at home, or the computer you use is more than five years old, then the Computers in Homes team can assist you. Please contact the school office for more information.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa
Liz Weir



Tamariki serving tea at Matatini.



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

Q11: Ruby.

Q5/6: Jed, Alex, Hailey, Ella, Olive.

Q9: Tufunga.

B8: Tyson

Calendar of Events



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

Rawhiti School Board of Trustee Election - Declaration of Parent Election results

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled. I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Brandon, Karen

Carson, Janet

Evans, Jennifer

Langley, Jonny

Martin, Tammi

Tom Scollard
Returning Officer

School Accounts

School accounts are coming home today with your children so it may be a good idea to check your child's bag for these. If you think that you have already made a payment for any items on your invoice please contact either Jan at the QE2 Base or Cheryl at the Beach Base to ensure that we have everything correctly entered in our new finance system.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Book orders are due back by March 20th. You can bring orders to either the QEII Base or Beach Base offices.

CAMP COSTS



As previously advised our Year 5 & 6 students are going to Waipara Camp on the 23rd –25th March. Payment of \$150.00 is due to be paid, either in full or arrangements made for regular weekly payments, before students can go on camp. If you wish to discuss this further please contact Cheryl 3889 519 ext 4.

PTA Meeting

PTA meeting Wednesday 18th March 7.30pm Learning Studio QEII Base
10 minutes will be AGM all welcome followed by a discussion and fundraising ideas. Meet some new people and be part of a great group of parents who are sharing ideas that will support your children's school experience and for the year ahead.

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 – 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 are still available to Rāwhiti families for purchase 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.

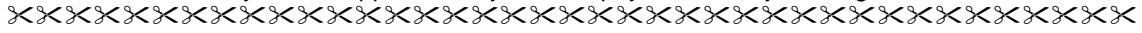
Duffy Books

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.

BEACH BASE GUITAR LESSONS

If you are interested in guitar lessons, at Beach Base, for your child please complete the form below and bring it into the school office. If we have enough interest we hope to start classes in Term 2.

There will be a weekly cost of approximately \$10.00, payable directly to the guitar teacher.



BEACH BASE GUITAR LESSONS

I would like my child to learn the *Guitar*

Name:

Room:

I understand that there will be a weekly cost for this.

Parent:

Contact



My name is Jude and I work for 3 days in the QE2 base office with Jan and Thursday at Beach Base with Cheryl. Over the summer holidays my challenge was to deal with all the boxes that were still in the garage after having our house repaired during 2014. I nearly succeeded with only a few boxes still in the "too hard to sort" pile and my car now fits in the garage.



Hi my name is Jan and I am the Office Manager on QE2 Base. Over the last year one of my challenges has been to learn to drive our 6.2 metre boat and be able to drive it up onto the trailer without any guidance. I succeeded this challenge at Xmas time this year.



Hi my name is Cheryl, over the last three years my friend and I have walked some of the queen charlotte track each summer holiday. This year we were only walking from Furneaux lodge to Punga cove which is 11 kms of easy track around the water's edge. Other years it has been quite steep, muddy, exposed but an absolutely beautiful walk.

1 km into this year's walk I rolled my ankle and as there is no cell phone coverage and we had arranged to meet our husbands in the boat in 2 half hours time I had to walk (limp badly actually) the remaining 10 kms - that was a massive challenge!!!

We have 23 kms left to walk to say we have completed it all so roll on next summer holidays, can't wait for that challenge.

Pool Keys from Central New Brighton School

Could parents from Central New Brighton School who purchased school pool keys in 2014 please return them to either Beach Base or QEII Base offices. Thankyou

Rawhiti pool renovations

I am currently putting together a sub-committee of the Rawhiti School board of trustees to look at renovating the school pool on the Leaver Terrace site. If you are a parent or carer from the old Central New Brighton School community and would be interested in being part of this exciting project I would really like to hear from you. The committee will comprise of three parent representatives, a staff member and a board member from Rawhiti Sports Inc. Please either ring or text Janet on 0273213971 by March 26th.

Community Notices

Hansel and Gretel - In the Attic 7 - 10 April 2015 | Ages: 7 – 12

Building on the concept behind our Easter Kids show *Alice in Wonderland in the Attic* children will get a chance to devise a way to re tell the traditional tale of Hansel and Gretel using the things you might find in an attic to help them. This will be a fun and creative process encouraging and developing creative thinking, performance skills, confidence and team work. This holiday programme will include a chance to go and see *Alice in Wonderland in the Attic* and meet the actors and the writer to find out more about what goes into making a professional performance.

This programme is suitable for creative and imaginative children, no specific level of reading or writing is required and will include a performance to family and friends at The Court Theatre on the final day of the programme.

Price: \$220 for the week (inclusive of GST)

Visit <http://www.courttheatre.org.nz/training/school-holiday-programme> for more information and to book or contact the Education Manager, Rachel on 03 963 0901.

CIRCUS OPEN DAY

APRIL 18TH 11AM - 2:30 PM
Roy Stokes Hall, 146 Seaview Rd,
New Brighton

FREE EVENT

PERFORMANCES
HAVE A GO: ACROBATICS, JUGGLING, UNICYCLE, TRAPEZE & MOR
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