



From the Principal Kia ora koutou

Last week we had our first ever teams heading off to represent Rāwhiti School. Our swimming squad took part in the Zone Sports at Jellie Park last week - with great success. It was interesting to hear the comments from our children about being on the same team as children they have previously raced against as competing schools. As one boy said – “we have to do well, we have the best from the east on the one team now!” And they did do well - our 9 year old mixed relay team won their final by a length of the pool! We now have a squad heading off to the Canterbury Champs next week. See the swimming results later in the newsletter.

We also had a Year 7/8 team in the Blue Light Canterbury PCT Competition.

Learning Conversation Bookings

Learning Conversations start next Wednesday for most Learning Teams, so please make sure you book a time to sit down with your child and their key teacher to discuss what they have achieved in their first term at Rāwhiti. Thank you to those who have already made a booking. You can do this by going online at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. The event code you will need to enter is **6WS89**.

If you do not have computer access please contact the school office and they will assist you in making a booking. If the times on offer do not work for you remember that you can always contact the class teacher directly to find an alternative that suits. We'd love to have 100% turn out for our first Learning Conversations so let us know what we can do to help you get there.

Buses Between Bases

We are very aware that there has been frustration with the bus arrival times at the end of the day and we do follow up with Go Bus every time the bus is not here on time. We are mindful that as the weather continues to cool we want the children to be on the bus and off to the other base no later than 3.10pm. We will continue to feedback to Go Bus and also to the MoE, who are funding this service.

New Board of Trustees

My congratulations to the parent representatives on our first elected Board of Trustees for Rāwhiti School: Karen Brandon, Janet Carson, Jonny Langley, Jen Evans and Tammi Martin. This team will take over from the Establishment Board at the beginning of next term, and will be joined by an elected representative from the staff.

Getting Ready for Rāwhiti

Five years olds due to start school next term will be receiving an invitation to our 'Getting Ready for Rāwhiti' party. We want to make sure all children get their invitation – so please make sure you contact Jan to enrol your child.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa
Liz Weir



Successful Swimmers



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

Q11: Ava, Lachlan, Charlie, Liam, Lilly

Calendar of Events



23-25 March		Year 5-6 Camp to Waipara
24 March		Year 4 visit to QE2 Base
25 March		Learning Conversations Start
26 March		BOT Meeting QE2 Base
1 April		'Getting Ready for Rāwhiti' party
2 April	11.00	Whole School Assembly - Roy Stokes Hall
2 April		End of Term

SCHOOL NOTICES

Contact Details

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

QEII Base Scooters and Bikes

We love it that so many children are scooting or biking to school. We also need to ensure that everyone is able to be safe as they move around the school. After school has become a dangerous time to be walking around the playground so we have decided to have children walk their scooters and bikes in the playground at 3 p.m. until after the school bus has left at 3.10 p.m. This will give most families a chance to leave safely at the end of the day. We will keep monitoring before school behaviour and may need to change the rule about before school scootering if we have unsafe behaviour then too.

Private Music Lessons at School

We are working hard to accommodate as many requests as possible for private music lessons at school – across both bases. Finding spaces for lessons during school time is proving to be a challenge for us. We intend to have our full programme operational for the beginning of Term 2. Next weeks newsletter will contain a full list of what is on offer.

Year 7&8 Leadership Launch and Overnight Stay

*Presentations begin at 6pm in the learning studio on Thursday 26th March.

*Whānau are invited to stay for nibbles and 'mingling' from 7-7.30.

*Overnight stay begins at 7.30 for our year 7&8 students.

*Information has been sent home with students. Please contact Kat if you have not received the newsletters. We are excited about this event and our students are working hard on their presentations! We hope that you can attend this special event.

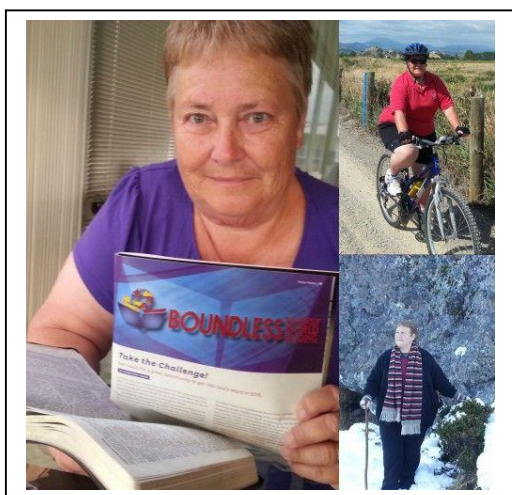
School Accounts and Donations

Payment of School Donations is completely **voluntary**. The Rāwhiti Donation is currently set at \$50 for one child and \$80 for a family. We are always very grateful to receive any donations. Funds from donations are an important part of the school budget and allow us to provide resources that our annual school operating budget simply does not cover.



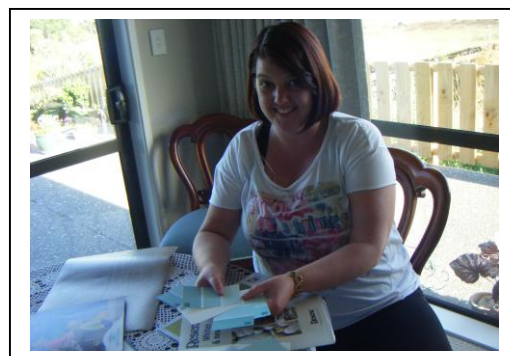
SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

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



Hi, I'm Iris Derham and you'll mostly find me at QE2 Base. I am working as part-time teacher and I will mostly be helping children and teachers in matters to do with ICT and Learning Support. In my spare time I am often out geocaching with my husband and one of my challenges is to keep up with him when tramping, walking or biking. So you see me here at the Tasman Glacier lookout – I only fell over on the ice twice on the way down – and biking in Nelson over the Christmas holidays. But my biggest challenge this year is to read the New Testament of the Bible and discuss it as I go through a world-wide link – Boundless, the whole world reading. This is an exciting and life-enriching challenge.

Hi my name is Lauren McDonnell and I am the Learning Support Coordinator at Rawhiti School. This means that I work with children with a variety of learning needs and put programmes in place to assist groups of children with their learning. As I am in the process of building a new house my challenge these holidays was to make lots of decisions about what I would like to have in the house. I spent a lot of time surrounded by brochures, catalogues and paint samples!



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.

Duffy Books in Homes

Last Monday the year 1-3 children joined the year 4-6 children at Beach Base to watch the Duffy Theatre. After the show children had lunch together and then joined their buddy class for some fun activities. The year 1-3 children received their Duffy Books when they returned to QE2 Base. Each child was issued with two Duffy Books to keep and share with their family. Children from Room 9 were very excited about receiving their new books and enjoyed taking the time to look through them and to talk about them with their classmates.



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.

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

These are the children who achieved a place at the Swim Sports on Thursday.

9 Year Girls:

2nd Jessica Backstroke
4th Freya Backstroke
3rd Jessica Freestyle

9 Year Boys:

1st Sean Backstroke
4th Josh Breastroke
1st Josh Freestyle
3rd Joey Freestyle

11 Year Girls:

4th Skye Backstroke

12 Year Boys:

3rd Owen Backstroke
4th Alan Breastroke

9 Year Team: 1st Relay (Jessica, Joey, Freya, Josh).

10 Year Girls:

4th Tui Breastroke
2nd Alexsia Freestyle

Community Notices

*** CUP CAKES ***

Thursday 2nd April (last day of term) there will be EASTER themed cup cakes for sale outside the learning studio from 2-45 pm.

There will be 3 flavours: vanilla, chocolate and red velvet

\$2.00 each (+ 50c for an individual box)

\$10.00 for 6 boxed

\$20.00 for 12 boxed.

" SKIDS"

Enrol now for SKIDS After School Care! Loads of fun activities for children. Our hours are from 3pm - 6pm.

Winz subsidy's are available! Get in contact with us!

School holidays are coming up, come and see us in the school hall or contact us on the numbers below to register for Holiday Programme, hours are 7am - 6pm.

See Bethany & our friendly Skids Team Ph - 022 183 4762 email - northnewbrighton@skids.co.nz

Sarah invites parents to come along to Beach Base on Thursday 26th March at 9.10 to meet other parents, have a chat and a coffee.



SCIENCE ALIVE! Celebration of Light Festival

A family based Light Festival April 11 – 17th at CPIT Madras St.

Featuring Live Science Shows, Workshops, Hands-on Exhibits etc.

Bookings essential for **Stardome Sessions** – April 14 & 15: 5.30pm and 6.30pm. Ph Karen 353 4575.

Enter the Photo Comp for all ages – Canon cameras to be won! Entries close 5pm April 2nd

For more info on the festival www.sciencealive.co.nz/events/celebration-of-light



BURWOOD PLAYGROUP



Every
Thursday
9:30am
till
11:30am

Including School Holidays

Cost: \$2 per family, bring morning tea for your children

Burwood Plunket Rooms
149 Burwood Road
Christchurch

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