



### From the Principal Kia ora koutou

It's scary to think that we are almost at the end of our first term! Yesterday I spent some time at the Year 5/6 camp out at Waipara, where they were enjoying the warm weather and the incredible range of activities on offer. Whilst I was reluctant to leave the fun, I did make it home in time for the second innings of that amazing semi-final!

### Learning Conversation Bookings

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Learning Conversations are now underway. Children and teachers are looking forward to discussing with you what they have achieved together in their first term at Rāwhiti. It is not too late to make a booking - you can do this by going online at [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz). The event code you will need to enter is **6WS89**. Alternatively, you can contact the school office to make an appointment.

### Home Learning

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At Rāwhiti School we believe learning happens everywhere and that often the best learning is a result of shared experiences and conversations. We understand that families have busy lives and children are often involved in many out of school activities and sports. Research shows traditional homework does not work, and that if home learning becomes stressful it actually turns children off learning, becomes ineffective and can have a negative impact for families. Research acknowledges that while reading and learning basic facts is beneficial for learners, all other compulsory homework (in primary schools) is not proven to improve outcomes.

We do not want to send home 'busy' work which does not relate to the classroom. Consequently at Rāwhiti, set home learning tasks are minimal. No time-wasting, rote, repetitive tasks that lack clear instructional or learning purposes will be assigned. Ideally, we want children to understand that they are learners everywhere – at school and at home.

Home learning should be based on a child's progress and individual needs. The best thing to do to support children of all ages is to assist them with reading and basic facts, and basic sight words (high frequency words) for juniors. There are several ways that parents can best support children's learning at home - and teachers can discuss this with you at Learning Conversations. We are currently working on a page for our web site that will give you access to many home learning challenges.

### Mufti Day on Friday

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Two of our senior students, Abby and Kimiya, have organised a mufti day for this Friday (March 27<sup>th</sup>) with all funds raised being used to purchase supplies for schools in Vanuatu devastated by Cyclone Pam. Please support their fundraising by sending a gold coin donation on Friday. Children can wear mufti, and the girls will be running a dress up competition as part of the day. Please refer to their poster further on in this newsletter. Both girls see this as being one way of repaying the kindness shown to our own community from all around the globe in 2011, and we thank them for taking action on our behalf.

### Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa Liz Weir



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

Q11: Brooke, Cadence, Freya

Q9: Greta

Q10: Samuel, James

B3: William

Q5: Jay Jay, Braedyn, George

## Calendar of Events



25 March

26 March

1 April

2 April

2 April

Learning Conversations Start

BOT Meeting QE2 Base

'Getting Ready for Rāwhiti' party

11.00 Whole School Assembly - Roy Stokes Hall

End of Term

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### 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.

### Singing Lessons at School

Individual or group lessons will be available at Rāwhiti School from Term 2. Vocalists, bring your favourite songs and enthusiasm. Budding singer songwriters bring your ideas and a guitar. Lessons are fun, friendly and fabulous.

Contact Claire for more information. [clairecoleman@xtra.co.nz](mailto:clairecoleman@xtra.co.nz)

### School Pool

We are all noticing the cooler mornings and evenings, and our children are increasingly reluctant to get into the pool except on the hottest of days. Therefore, the Beach Base pool will close for the season on Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup> and keys are due back at the office by that date.

### 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)

Follow us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/RawhitiSchool](https://www.facebook.com/RawhitiSchool)



### Touch 2015 Prize giving.

This term our school entered 5 teams in the competition at the New Brighton Rugby Club that runs every Monday night in Terms 1 and 4. There are a number of people I would like to thank for their time and effort.

Firstly, thank you to our parent coaches Nick (Rylan's Dad) and Lance (Cole's Dad), for all your effort, enthusiasm and positive energy. We really appreciate your efforts and super positive encouraging approach!

A special thanks to our outstanding Year 8 students Alan, Ruby and Owen who managed, coached and refereed the Electric Eels and the Red

Raiders. These volunteers did a fantastic job and showed levels of initiative and communication skills way beyond their years.

Thank you also to all the parents who provided transport and lots of encouragement from the sidelines.

Finally, thanks to all the players, you all showed dedication, enthusiasm and fabulous sportsmanship.

Team	Most valuable	Most improved
Rawhiti Taniwhas year 2/3	Nicholas	Izzy
Rawhiti Electric Eels year 2/3	Brendon	Lila
Rawhiti Red Raiders year 4/5	Joshua	Tyrone
Rawhiti Hammerheads year 6/7	Isobel	Cole
Rawhiti Katipos year 6/7	Taniela	Stella

A note to parents: if you are interested in your child learning and playing touch, the next season kicks off in Term 4. Our emphasis is on learning the game, sportsmanship and enjoying playing at a social level.

Thank you

### Calling All Winter Sports Coaches!!

Are you the next Ernie Merrick, Waimarama Taumaunu or Steve Hansen?

Are you ready for coaching superstardom? Even if you're not, we're looking for parents to help with our winter sport teams. No experience necessary, just lots of enthusiasm and encouragement !

The info:

- Basically the job involves taking a soccer, rugby, hockey, netball or table tennis team down to Rawhiti Domain on the bus, getting them to the right field, reffing if you can, providing lots of encouragement and as an extra bonus, washing the uniforms.
- Games are on Friday afternoons from approximately 12:20 through until 3:00.
- The start date is yet to be confirmed, but will be sometime in the middle of Term 2, running through into the middle of term 3.
- You don't have to run practises, the teachers will do that, but if you can that would be a bonus.
- Ideally we'd like two adults per team, to share the load and provide cover for illness.
- We are hoping to provide at least one team in each sport for year 5/6 and 7/8, the more coaches, the more teams.
- Don't worry if you've got no experience, enthusiasm and encouragement is the most important asset.

**In return you get** to have a bit of fun, be surrounded by high energy enthusiasts once a week, get on the first step of the road to coaching glory, and to wash uniforms!

If you think you can help, please contact Andrew or Jenny at school, or text Andrew on 021 233 5803



Setting a challenge to do the SBS Half Marathon was well worth the effort it took to achieve this event. The feeling of being part of a large crowd that had also set their own challenges felt fantastic. I have completed three half marathons now but do have to say although they were challenges I feel proud of reaching, I now tend to stick with distances like the City to Surf or less!  
Rosalie

### Year 4 Triathlon.

We were in teams of 3. We had to scooter, run and swim for the first ever triathlon. It was hot and sunny and we did have lots and lots of fun. There was only one crash. Here are the winners. We tried really hard to win.

1st place was won by William, Jack and Mackai.

2nd place went to Amelia, Lyam and Rilee.

3rd place to Milly, Joanana and Leah.

### 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 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.

### 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 favours: 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](mailto:northnewbrighton@skids.co.nz)



### Dental Care over the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will operate an emergency service over the school holidays. This service is to provide relief of pain only and will not undertake 'routine' treatment. The service will be available each working day from 8:30am until 12:30pm from the Hill Morton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street, Christchurch for the following times:

Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015 (excluding weekends)

PLEASE NOTE – this service is not operated on Easter Monday or Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance.

You can phone and make an appointment for the emergency clinic by ringing 0800 846 983.

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM LEARN TO WEAVE

The Christchurch Guild of Weavers and Spinners are holding a holiday programme for people 8 years and over – learning to weave on a rigid heddle loom.

If you have never tried weaving on a loom before, this would be a great day activity during your holidays.

Tues April 7<sup>th</sup>, Wed 8<sup>th</sup> – Weave a Bag

Wed April 15<sup>th</sup>, Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> - Weave a Bag

Thurs April 9<sup>th</sup> – Weave a set of Coasters

Cost of the day's class is \$25 with all materials provided. Just bring your lunch and lots of enthusiasm.

Time – 930am to 3pm at the Chch Guild Rooms at 11 Tenner Street, Woolston within the Tannery Complex

Enrolments are confirmed with payment.

For information:

text or phone Sue on 0211386141 or email Gail at [gailrussell@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gailrussell@xtra.co.nz)

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



# Coffee Morning

Thursday 9:10-10:10  
19/3 QE2 Staff Room  
26/3 Beach Staff Room

## Everyone Welcome



Tourette's Association of New Zealand with Kelly Sports

# FAMILY FUN RUN & GALA



## NORTH HAGLEY PARK

► SUNDAY 26TH APRIL, 10am START  
► 3 DISTANCES: 2.5km, 5km & 10km  
EARLY BIRD ENTRY > \$10 ADULT / \$5 CHILD / \$25 FAMILY

IN ASSOCIATION WITH  
 

For more details visit [Tourettes.org.nz](http://Tourettes.org.nz)

# DRESS UP MUETI DAY

On **FRIDAY THE 27<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH**, best-dressed boy and girl from each year win a prize.

Dress up as your favourite character if you want! But if you're stuck for some ideas ... princess, king, snow white, peter pan, fairy. Gold coin entry and money goes to **YANUATU** after Cyclone Pam.

Abby and Kimiya (Rāwhiti Learning Crew)