



From the Principal Kia ora koutou

With so much happening on a weekly basis, and so much information we think it important to share, we have decided to publish a weekly newsletter for the rest of this term.

Rāwhiti Daily Timetable

Our daily timetable will be new to many of you. This timetable has been chosen in the best interests of our children.

We know that an hour can be a very long time for a child to manage themselves in the playground, so shortening the breaks ensures that children are not spending a prolonged period of time looking for things to do. We felt that a 'lunch hour' would be especially challenging in our situation – with many children having to adjust to new places and new faces.

9.00 – 10.40	Learning Block 1
10.40 – 11	Playtime
11-12	Learning Block 2
12 – 12.30	Lunch time
12.30 – 1.30	Learning Block 3
1.30 – 2	Playtime
2 – 3	Learning Block 4

Of course our timetable is not just about playing – it's also about having children spend manageable blocks of time in class, and the traditional hour and half after lunch sessions are a very long time to keep children engaged and focused.

Because we are new, we are able to question many of the educational customs and assumptions schools have inherited over time. We do so to ensure we are setting our learners up for success – both in and out of the classroom.

Coming to School Too Early

Please remember that our teachers need time before the children arrive each morning to finish setting up for the day and the time before 8:30am is precious to them. Children at school prior to 8.30am are not supervised. The exception to this is Breakfast Club, which runs on Tuesday and Thursday mornings – 8am on the QE2 Base and 8.15am on the Beach Base.

Coffee and Questions

Today we had the first of our 'coffee and question' opportunities and this will be repeated next Thursday - before school on the Beach Base, and after school on the QE2 Base. Please take the opportunity to have a coffee and ask our Leadership Team any questions you may have.

A reminder that next week there are meetings for those interested in the **Computers in Homes** scheme – Monday 9am in the QE2 Base staff room and Tuesday 9am in the Beach Base staff room. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter if you are interested.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa
Liz Weir





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

Q11: Ashton, Decklan, Brooke, Aidan

Q5/6: Zeth, Ari, Olivia, Braedyn, Seth, Samisoni, George, Max, Maiah, Xzavyer

Q10: Kaia

Calendar of Events



9 March	11.00	Duffy Theatre and lunch Beach Base for Years 1-6
	6.30	Information evening 'The role of the BOT'
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

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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

There are still a few spaces left for drum lessons on the Beach Base. If you are interested please either call, text or email Mitchell to find out more. Mobile: 021 184 5186. Email: Mitchell.p.thomas@gmail.com or contact Cheryl in the Beach Base office.

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.

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.

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.

Rāwhiti Staff Challenges



Helen Parata - Deputy Principal - Beach Base

Over the summer holidays you may have seen a number of giraffes around the city ... Well my challenge was to visit all 100 giraffes. My husband, two wee boys (aged 3 & 21 months) and I had a great time visiting lots of different places and every corner of our city. We had a blast! And managed to find 99/100 giraffes! But have since now seen the last one at the special day when all the giraffes were on display together at the Russley Golf Course. I have lots of favourites, but the kids loved 'The Animal Biscuit' and of course 'Bat-Giraffe'.



Paul Wilkinson - Deputy Principal - QE2 Base

Kia ora koutou katoa. My name is Paul and I am one of the Deputy Principal's at Rāwhiti School. 2015 is a year full of different challenges. My photo shows me with the bass marimba I am currently building. It has been a challenge for me to learn about tuning the marimba bars and resonating pipes to the correct frequencies.

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

Board of Trustee Elections Reminder ...

Nominations close for the Rāwhiti Board of Trustees at **noon on 12 March 2015**.

Extra nominations forms are available from either of the school base offices during school hours.

An **information evening** regarding the role of a trustee will be held from **6.30 to 7.30pm on Monday 9th March** at the QEII base (Sandy Ave).

All welcome. Any questions please feel free to contact me on 0211836462.

Swimming sports

We had a fantastic day at Swimming Sports on Monday. Everyone swam really well; here are the results. Good luck to the swimming team at Zones on Thursday!

9 Year Girls Freestyle: 1st Jessica, 2nd Freya, 3rd Maraea .
9 Year Boys Freestyle: 1st Joshua, 2nd Joey, 3rd Will.
10 Year Girls Freestyle: 1st Alexsia, 2nd Skyla, 3rd Makoia.
10 Year Boys Freestyle: 1st Shaun, 2nd Joel, 3rd Keiron.
11 Year Girls Freestyle: 1st Skye, 2nd Hayley, 3rd Aroha.
11 Year Boys Freestyle: 1st Tyrone, 2nd Damien, 3rd Noah.
12 Year Girls Freestyle: 1st Makayla.
12 Year Boys Freestyle: 1st Alan, 2nd Owen, 3rd Luke.

9 Year Girls Breastroke: 1st Freya , 2nd Kayd , 3rd Maraea.
9 Year Boys Breastroke: 1st Joshua, 2nd Ciaran.
10 Year Girls Breastroke: 1st Tui, 2nd Alexsia, 3rd Makoia.
10 Year Boys Breastroke: 1st Logan, 2nd Keiron .
11 Year Girls Breastroke: 1st Aroha, 2nd Lizzie, 3rd Skye.
11 Year Boys Breastroke: Tyrone.
12 Year Boys Breastroke: 1st Alan , 2nd Owen, 3rd Torin.

9 Year Girls Backstroke: 1st Jessica, 2nd Freya, 3rd Maraea.
9 Year Boys Backstroke: 1st Sean, 2nd Joshua.
10 Year Girls Backstroke: 1st Makoia, 2nd Alexsia, 3rd Cleo.
10 Year Boys Backstroke: 1st Shaun, 2nd Logan 3rd Devon.
11 Year Girls Backstroke: 1st Skye, 2nd Aroha.
11 Year Boys Backstroke: 1st Tyrone.
12 Year Boys Backstroke: 1st Alan, 2nd Owen, 3rd Torin.

Girls Open Butterfly: 1st Alexsia.
Boys Open Butterfly: 1st Owen Templeton, 2nd Alan.

Community Notices

To Rent:

Sunny & warm spacious 3 bedroom, 2 lounge & ensuite house available end of March/early April for 2-3months short term. \$480 per week.

Please contact Paul 027 451 5158 or search 'willryan' on trademe property.

Linwood Rugby League Football Club

Registration for the 2015 season

Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th and
Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th March

- from 4p.m. to 5 p.m. at Linwood Park

All welcome

Thomson Skate Jam, Thomson Park, Marine Parade from 12-4pm on Saturday 21 March, wet weather Sunday 22nd March

A big focus for the event is to support new skaters with free use of equipment and coaching tips throughout the event PLUS a jam competition where beginners through to experienced skaters can show their best trick in the bowl. This event is a partnership between Scott Buckner from Cheapskates Skate Skool and the Christchurch City Council.

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 at 9.00am** 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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