



From the Principal
Kia ora koutou

New Name for our Bilingual Unit

Our bilingual unit now has a new name - Ata Hāpara. Ata Hāpara refers to the morning chorus - which originally was deafening in Aotearoa. This name gives inspiration to our bilingual teachers and learners, whose every effort is directed towards the reinvigoration of reo Māori in our community. We feel that the name Ata Hāpara fits well with our kura name, Rāwhiti, and helps to define their special role within the whole school.

Social Media

From time to time, like all other schools we have to deal with the fall out from children misusing social media, such as FaceBook. Invariably issues arise when a child posts something at night or during the weekend that has the potential to seriously damage their relationships at school. This then takes valuable learning time to unpack at school.

Teachers at Rāwhiti are working hard to try and help our young people understand that whatever you post, positive or negative, can affect your relationships with people, how they feel about you and what they might say about you to others. We all need to remember that we're interacting with **people** in social networking sites – not text and images – even though the text and images are much more visible than the people. The key to having a positive reputation online is being a good digital citizen: behaving civilly and respectfully toward others online and sharing positive information about oneself in blogs, social networking sites and other social media.

While we all know that if children are under 13 and truthful about their age, they won't be allowed to sign up to FaceBook, there's a certain reality we all face. Just as in a child's offline life, parents are key to helping him or her form a positive identity, maintain good relationships, and create a positive reputation on the social Web. Thank you for working with us to help children learn these important life lessons.

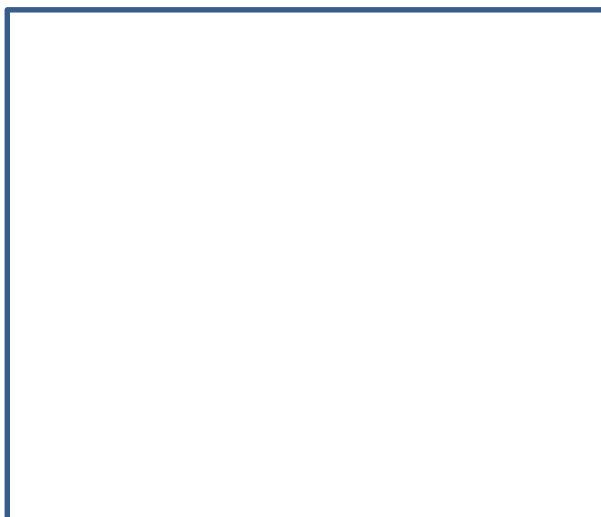
Fill in the Blank.....

We are now ready to start the process of designing a logo for our new school. So, no photo on the front page today – instead a blank space for you to contribute your ideas. Here's the brief... we are looking for a design that reflects: our unique location; our name; the cultural blend of our school; and our vision of 'Rising Above the Ordinary'. Send your ideas along to the office next week and remember to put your name on the back of the box so we know where the great ideas come from.

On page 3 you will find information on the Mindsets parents evening being held on June 18th, with details on how to RSVP.

Newsletters will go back to being published fortnightly from today.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa
Liz Weir





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

RoomQ11: Amy, Maea, Riley

RoomQ 2: Sitia, Lachlan, Brooke, Lilly, ArnicaJane, Lisa

RoomQ 3/4: Kaeden

RoomQ 5/6: Sid, Pepper

RoomQ 8: Mailli, Eva

Room Q10: Oakley, Mason, Sahara

Room Q12: Miriam

Room B 5: Izobella, Zoe, Sarah

Room B8: Lani

Calendar of Events



May

21 Whole School Assembly Beach Base 11.00-1.00pm

21 PTA Meeting 7.30pm (QE2 Base)

25 QE2 Base Assembly 2.15pm

29 Beach Base Assembly 10am

June

1 **Queens Birthday – School Closed**

3 ICAS Science Exam

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

SCHOOL NOTICES

Coin Trail Mufti Day

The total raised was \$685.20. The money is being donated to the Red Cross. A big thankyou to Josh and Connor who organised this Mufti Day.

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.



James Anderson '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.

At Rāwhiti we are teaching your child how to become more intelligent. 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 and entering the event code 4ZRAJ.

Lost Property QE2 Base

We have a large number of items of clothing in our lost property box that is located in the big box in the entrance to the hall at QE2 base. Please come and have a look as we are going to give it to charity next week.

WAIPARA BOYS' BRIGADE CAMP

It was a cold dim morning when the bus arrived and everyone was getting ready to leave for the first day of camp. Some people were putting their delicious baking into the boxes for everyone to enjoy. As we all boarded the bus we were excited to see what it would be like at camp. On the way we saw sights and views, rivers and streams, mountains and hills. It was so relaxing.



We finally got to camp. Everyone was overwhelmed for their first day of camp. We were pushing and shoving to get off the roasting hot bus. Yay, some wonderful fresh air! We had to all grab the luggage out of the bus, some bags were light, some were heavy and some were massive.



As we arranged our tents and cabins and packed away our stuff, we were seeing what the camp was like. After that we lined up in our camp groups to see what activities we were going to do. The activities were archery, the blind trail, rifle shooting, flying fox, team building, BMX, hobo stove, confidence course and a massive water slide.



As we sat outside waiting for breakfast we started to feel the cold. It was the second day of camp and the hills were pink as the sun rose that morning.

After breakfast we started the activities they were so much fun. After the activities the night fell.



It was the last day of camp. We were doing our last activities and luckily it was a sunny day for us, then we cleaned up our tents and cabins. Later on we packed onto the bus and went back to school. It was so much fun but really tiring.

Written by Maraea, Kane, Makoia and Lani



Staff Profile

Hi, my name is Bev McTaggart, and I am a teacher in Room 3/4 with Kylie. In January our school staff took part in a perfect, yet most challenging, team building event, "The City Scramble". This was a great outdoor event and we certainly came away with a better knowledge of our beautiful local inner city. A fun, but challenging day, was had by all, punctuated by the fact that green team were the winners! Rāwhiti school, the building, is now rising above the back fields in Leaver Terrace bringing on our next "team" challenge! We all await in anticipation!

July School Holiday Camp

July 8th – 12th 11 – 13 Year olds Woodend

July 13th – 17th 8 – 10 year olds Woodend

This camp is run by the Holiday Trust and is available for all students. It's a great place to meet new people and enjoy lots of new adventures. If you would like some more information phone Cheryl 3889 519 ext 4 at Beach Base.

Application forms are available from both Beach and QE11 Base offices and close on the 4th June

Mindball

Here are some photos of Mindball. You have to relax your mind to move the ball along the tube. The headbands show on the computer screen your brain activity and excitement levels.



Community Notices

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

Secondary School Open Evenings

Shirley Boys' High School 2015 Community Evening fast approaching, the following is a reminder of the nights important information.

Thursday 4th June

6:30pm	Headmasters address (School Assembly Hall).
6:45pm	Spartan Sport Interactive Displays begin.
6:50pm	Curriculum Interactive Displays begin.
7:00pm	Creative Shirley Interactive Displays begin.

As an exciting incentive for prospective students, a visit to 10 stations on the night will put them in the draw to win a iPad Mini!

Please note: The closing date for year 9 enrolments is Friday the 2nd of August and any enrolment assistance on the night can be found in the Spartan Room.

Mairehau High School

Open night Tuesday May26th
7.00 – 8.30pm.

CUPCAKES - Red, White and Blue for Queens Birthday Weekend

Yummy cupcakes for sale Friday 29 May at 2.45 pm near the Learning Studio (at QE2 Base).
(By the hall kitchen if wet).

Three flavours available: - Chocolate and berry
- White chocolate and fudge
- Blue Velvet

\$2-00 each (+50c for individual box)

\$10-00 for 6 boxed

\$20-00 for 12 boxed

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