



From the Principal **Kia ora koutou**

Happy Birthday to us - today Rawhiti School has been officially open for 100 days! This morning a group of our senior students worked with me on a list of 100 positive things that have happened in the last 100 days – here are just a few of them: camp, fresh fruit at school, climbing trees, meeting new children, having great new teachers, senior sleepover, sausage sizzles, getting together for whole school assemblies, the basketball team winning their first games, getting to put stones into the foundations, having representatives at the Canterbury Swimming Sports, and getting Duffy Books. I know there is still a very long way to go for our new school and it's easy to focus on the things we haven't achieved yet – but let's also take time today to celebrate 100 days of being together at Rawhiti and all that has been achieved in that time.

Rawhiti School Strategic Goals

Throughout the first term the Board of Trustees and leadership team has been working on the strategic vision for Rawhiti School. In order to meet our vision of creating an extraordinary school we are focusing our strategic direction in three main areas – Pedagogy, People and Place. Our three strategic goals are:

#1 Pedagogy: To promote and support innovative ako (teaching and learning) that is engaging, challenging, accessible to all, and prepares for both the present and the future.

#2 People: To enhance a sense of connectedness by involving parents and community in classroom and school activities.

#3 Place: To create a vibrant and inviting environment that our children will love.

These goals sit at the front of all of our planning and decision making. Our strategic direction will be further developed through consultation with our community, research into best practice, participation in up to date quality professional development, and in consideration of the vision, values and beliefs of the New Zealand Curriculum.

Our children are currently involved in some work around Goal #3, determining what our new playground environment will look like. I'm not sure if the live dinosaur pit is going to make it onto the final plans – but a bike and scooter track is looking like a very popular option. Childrens ideas and drawings are on display in the hall on the QE2 Base and library on the Beach Base. Feel free to add any pictures or ideas of your own.

Harcourts Lucky Draw – Lucky Rawhiti!

Yesterday Nikila Creagh from the Harcourts New Brighton office presented me with a cheque for \$500, part of their recent 'Best Little Real Estate Office at the Beach' promotion. We are going to put this money towards the developments in our new playgrounds currently being planned by the children. Please support the local businesses that support our school.

Please note the date of the upcoming Mufti Day (May 14th) to raise funds to support children in Nepal. This is another student led initiative, this time being organised by Josh and Connor from the Beach Base.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa
Liz Weir



Code Club underway on the Beach Base this week .



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

Q11: James, Brooklyn, Toby

Q8: Caitlyn, Shelby

Q12: Ashur

Q2: Ava

Calendar of Events



May

- 11th QE2 Base Assembly 2.15pm
- 13th Cross Country Year's 4-8 11.00-1.00pm
- 12th BOT Meeting 6.30pm (QE2 Base)
- 14th **Mufti Day – Nepal Earthquake**
- 15th Beach Base Assembly 10am
- 19th Zone cross country – 10.30-3.00pm
- 21st Whole School Assembly Beach Base 11.00-1.00pm
- 21st PTA Meeting 7.30pm (QE2 Base)
- 25th QE2 Base Assembly 2.15pm
- 29th Beach Base Assembly 10am

SCHOOL NOTICES

Year 4-8 Cross Country

Hi all, Rāwhiti School's first Cross Country is coming up soon. This year we're all meeting at the beach, racing, and then having lunch and a play over the road at Thomson Park.

- Date is Wednesday May 13.
- Postponement is Thursday 14.
- The race start will be on the beach near the North Brighton Surf Lifesaving Club, on Marine Parade by Bowhill Rd.
- We're aiming to start racing at 11:00.
- The first race is for Year 4,5 and 6, followed a separate race for Year 7/8.
- As runners finish they will directed into a chute so that their details can be recorded and places worked out.
- Competitors race against children from their year group not their age group.
- Year 4 compete in the school event, but not in the zone event the following week.
- Year 4,5 and 6 run a 2km course.
- Year 7/8 run a 3km course.

The aim is for competitors to set a personal best, therefore everybodys goal will be different, e.g. for some their goal will be to finish in the top 10, and for many their goal will be to run the whole way. We want this event to be super positive with tons of encouragement and cheering on, so please come down to support our runners!

Prizegiving and lunch will follow immediately after at Thomson Park.

Rāwhiti School Docs Site

Recently, our school has been working with SchoolDocs to create a website for our policies and procedures. We are pleased to announce that the site is now live and available for our school community. The school works with SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive set of core policies that have been well researched and follow the Ministry of Education National Administration Guidelines, and these are modified and updated in response to changes in legislation, significant events, Ministry guidelines and regular review. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part in the review.

We invite you to visit the site at <http://rawhiti.schooldocs.co.nz/> (note that there's no "www"!). Our user name is **rawhiti** and our password is **East**.

Uniform survey closes on Friday

Just a quick reminder to let you know that the uniform survey closes on Friday, if you have not returned your form you have until Friday this week. Thankyou.

Supermarket Bags Required

Beach Base require some super market bags if you have some to spare could you please drop them into the Office. Thankyou.

PTA Sausage Sizzle Lunches

Rawhiti PTA is pleased to announce that "Sausage Sizzle" have started. They are being held each week on a **THURSDAY at QEII Base** (to accommodate the seniors technology lessons) and **FRIDAY at Beach Base**. Orders will be taken between 8.30 and 9.00 on the morning of the Sizzle - outside the staff room at QEII (in the kitchen if wet) and outside room 6 (in the office if wet) at Beach Base. Cost is \$1.50 per sausage. Please place your orders before school.

I am still looking for some parent helpers at QEII base so if you have 1.5 hours to spare on a Thursday once a month please contact me on 0212855888
Thanks so much.

Louise Wedlake (Co.Chairperson Rawhiti PTA)

DISCO

Thank you to everyone who came along to the disco, it was a great night. We raised a lot of money, the official amount will be out soon. The junior disco was absolutely great, in the first hour or so the glow products and food were sold out. Thank you very much to the parents and teachers who helped out that night with the stalls, lights and music we hoped you enjoyed it.
Jadah and Skye



Head Lice.

We would like to advise the parents at both sites that there has been a couple of sightings of Head Lice and to be aware to check your child's hair regularly

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

Mufti Day

Keep Calm and Dress up for Nepal.

On Thursday 14 May come dressed up as whatever you want with a gold coin donation for Nepal.

School Contact Details

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Community Notices

St Andrew's Afterschool programme 109 Marriotts Road North New Brighton.

Every Tuesday during school term 3-5pm \$2.00 donation

Join us for games, craft activities etc. Afternoon tea provided.

For further details please phone Win Jacobs 981 1292.

Shirley Boys High School

Parent Information Evenings

Monday 18 – Thursday 21 May, 6.00-7.30pm

Spartans Room, North Parade

Open Night All Welcome

Thursday 4 June, 6.30-8.30pm

Headmaster John Laurenson will speak at 6.30pm