



Newsletter 24: 10th December 2015

From the Principal
Kia ora koutou

The Term is quickly drawing to a close – although things are certainly not slowing down. Already this week we have had a ‘Ready for Rāwhiti’ New Entrants party, a big day out for the Year 4’s, a Year 2/3 Fun Run, and a Year 1 sports event with the local kindergarten. Still to come are the Final Assembly, and the Year 8’s trip to Hanmer and Leaver’s Dinner. It is no wonder that our children (and their teachers) are looking tired!

Whole School Final Assembly

I am very much looking forward to our whole school assembly **tonight, at 7pm in the Roy Stokes Hall**. I extend a genuine apology to you all for any confusion the name has caused, around whether this assembly is for the whole school or just our Year 8 leavers. Tonight is a whole school event and the expectation is that all children will attend. The evening time slot also makes it much easier for those of you who work to be a part of this event.

This is the start of a Rāwhiti School tradition, where we recognise a range of achievements, celebrate our year, and farewell our Year 8 students. It shows a sign of respect that we acknowledge our seniors and wrap up the year in a collaborative way. So, I look forward to seeing you tonight.

School Reports and Information for 2016

School reports will be sent home tomorrow. Included in the envelope will be information on your child’s placement for 2016, the name of their key teacher, an introduction to the teachers in their Learning Studio, a stationery list, and information about our ‘Welcome Home’ meetings at our new site on Tuesday February 2nd.

Please make sure your child gives you the envelope containing this vital information.

Monday December 14th

We are going to officially mark the end of school life on both the QE2 and Beach Bases on Monday December 14th. Reverend Wharekawa Ka will conduct a blessing on the QE2 Base at **11.30am**, (please note the change in time to 11.30) prior to the children being bused to the Beach Base for the Showcase Assembly at 1pm. Following this assembly, there will be a short ceremony to farewell the Beach Base, before the children get on the buses to return to the QE2 Base.

You are all welcome to be a part of these services – we know that the sites have great meaning for many of you.

Rāwhiti ‘Rumbustification’ Tuesday December 15th.

This is a fun, picnic day event organised by the staff to help our children celebrate the end of the school year and the end of being one school on two sites! All the fun will take place on the Beach Base between 10am and 2pm. Children will come to their home base as usual in the morning and

we will bus the QE2 classes to the Beach Base. **Please note:** Because of the size of the Beach Base site this event is for Rāwhiti School pupils only.

What to bring:

- Wear school uniform
- Togs, rash top and towel
- Sunblock
- Morning tea and lunch
- Refillable water bottle
- Wide brimmed sunhat
- water pistol - if you'd like to join in with the water fight

Please remember to have all items of clothing named.

There will be lots of activities on the day: bouncy castles, chalk art, drawing, finger knitting, disco, movie room, uni hoc, swimming, spongeball and many more activities.

During the day there will be a timetable for each class/classes to go swimming. There will be designated changing areas.

At around 2.10 pm all QE2 pupils will be bused back to the QE2 site.

If it rains, then the children will stay on their respective sites and alternative activities will be run.

School Uniform for 2016

Our apologies that the web site for ordering additional items of uniform was not live on Monday. This was out of our control, and Impact tell us that everything is up and running now. If you do not have a credit card then you can pay the school office for any additional items and they will order on your behalf.

<http://rawhitiuniform.bigimpact.co.nz>

Regulation school sunhats will need to be worn from the beginning of 2016. While these can be ordered from the website, we will have a large supply of these available for sale from the school office from the end of January. You can purchase one when you collect your new uniform.

The updated uniform list, confirmed by the Board of Trustees, can be found in the School Notices section of this newsletter, and on the school website.

Final Newsletter

There will be one last newsletter for the year on Monday December 14th. This will contain all of the start of year information.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa
Liz Weir



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

Room Q2: Anabelle, Lilly, Jordan
Room Q5/6: Alyssa, Joshua
Room Q11: Taylor, Charli, Emily
Room Q3/4: Jayden, Rhycos
Room Q7: Jessica, Cyrus, Muika
Room Q9: Charlotte, Noah
Room Q10: James

Calendar of Events



December

- 10 Leavers Assembly 7pm Roy Stokes(Tonight)
- 11 Reports Home
- 11 Year 8 Hanmer Springs Day Trip
- 14 Rāwhiti Showcase Assembly 1pm Roy Stokes Hall
- 15 Rāwhiti 'Rumbustification' (Picnic Day)
- 16 Alternative Programme
- 17 Alternative Programme - School finishes 12pm

School Notices

PTA Raffle

Thank you to those who have returned their raffle tickets and money to the school offices so far. Please remember that all tickets **sold or unsold** need to be back in by 9am this Friday 11 December and the draw will be held on the same day.

All of us at Rawhiti PTA would like to wish you and your families a safe and happy Christmas and holiday season. Thank you once again for all your support during the year, and we look forward to coming back to the new school buildings on one site in 2016. This has been a huge and often draining year for everyone and we aim to be re-energised with fresh ideas for raising money and getting parents together for some fun activities which help give our children the extra things in their school lives they so richly deserve.

Outstanding Activity Fees

Many thanks to those who responded to last weeks notice about outstanding activity fees for things like technology, camps, swimming lessons, museum trips and winter sports. There are still thousands of dollars owing for these activities, so if you are in a position to clear these overdue payments before the end of the year we would be very grateful.

Duffy Book Orders

Your Duffy Book Orders will be available for collection on Friday 11th December. Please collect them from the school office where your order was placed. Orders will not be handed out to your child unless you have arranged this with the office. (Just in case they are for presents.)

Year 4 Beach House Potato Sale!

They're bagged up and ready for cooking! We have 55.55 kg to sell. Most bags have been packed with 500 g of potatoes for \$2.



Potato varieties...some in limited supply!

- Liseta
- Summer Delight
- Rocket
- Swift
- Cliff Kidney

Selling on Friday 11th December, Beach Base, outside B.1, at 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm.

Any potatoes not sold on Friday will be sold on Monday 14th December, after the Showcase assembly.



Skin Creator Characters

Congratulations to B.3's winning entry into the 'Junior **Interface** Awards 2015,' 'Best Activity using Digital Technology.'

What were the biggest challenges and how did you overcome these?

Some of us found it hard to model faces because we didn't know what face to do or we were not sure on our colours. We made one face, took a snapshot and made another face. Then we could look at the camera roll and decide what face looked the best. If we didn't know how to do something we went and asked someone in the class who did.

Cutting out the characters in Photoshop Mix was hard. I hadn't done it before. It got easier when I got used to it. Nikkita

The planning part because you had to make it squares, not circles. I drew circles for eyes to start with, then I realised it was squares! Holly

Creating my character because I knew it was on paper, but I couldn't get it in my mind properly. So I worked on modeling one part at a time. I modeled the head first. Then I did the legs. I looked at the model walking because I was trying to do the same kind of colours on the arms and legs. Tristan

'Shading the characters was hard because it takes some time to make it darker and lighter. It made my character look more like a real character, and stand out more.' Oliver

You can read more about the children's entry on B.3's blog <http://goo.gl/9pp024>

[Proposed Leaver Terrace safety plan from Lori Ford CCC.](#)

I apologise for the short notice. We are currently receiving feedback regarding the proposed Leaver Terrace traffic safety improvement and school crossing. Please find information available on the Council Have Your Say website where online submissions can be made. <http://www.ccc.govt.nz/the-council/have-your-say/whats-happening-now/consultations/>

The Burwood Pegasus Community board will be meeting on Monday at 4.30pm at the New Brighton Boardroom. The Area Traffic Engineer will be providing a verbal update to the board regarding the community feedback about the proposal. The reason for the tight timeframe in relation to consultation is so we can get a report to the Community Board's last meeting for the year. This will then enable us to undertake these works prior to the school opening in 2016.

I am conscious of the short time frames but would like you to have an opportunity to comment on the proposal. Could you please have any comments/feedback either emailed directly to me at lori.ford@ccc.govt.nz or through the Have Your Say website by 10am Monday?

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email me.

Community Notices

Dental Care over the School Holidays

At any time phone our 0800 number (0800 846 983) for information on how to access dental care, including emergency care.

In addition, the Community Dental Service will operate an emergency service in January 2016. 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 Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street, Christchurch for the following times:

Monday, 18th January to Friday, 29th January 2016 (excluding weekends)

This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given.

You can phone and make an appointment for the emergency clinic by ringing the number above.

Carols in the Square Saturday 12 December Cathedral Square

Come and join us in the heart of our beautiful city to celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas! For the 4th year running, Christchurch St John's Anglican Church is hosting this free community event in the centre of Christchurch city. Everyone is invited to join in the fun:

- 4:00pm: enjoy live music, free kids face-painting, bouncy castles, kids games and craft stalls
- 6:00pm: sing-a-long Christmas carols concert

There will be a small number of food stalls selling delicious food, or if you prefer pack your own picnic! Best of all, it's free! Just bring a rug or deck chair, your finest voice and your friends and family.

Youth alive trust.

NEW Seniors Only OSCAR – Year 6 – 8's only!!

The Youth Alive Trust Team are starting a new Seniors Only Oscar from 1st February 2016 at their newly renovated building. Activities such as basketball, table tennis, crafts, and other activities (tbc) will be targeted at these older children, in a fun and safe environment. A van will pick up children from SNBS, Rawhiti Primary and New Brighton Catholic after school each day, which provides a chance to make other local friends. \$15 a day, and WINZ subsidies available. Contact rego@yat.org.nz or call 3881001.

Free Holiday Activities for Year 8's

The Youth Alive Trust team are running two weeks of FREE activities for local teenagers this summer! (including those going into Year 9 next year). January 12th - 15th - Activities include The Great Escape, Cinema, My Kitchen Drools, and Surfing!!! And did we say – it's FREE (thanks to a government contract). Sign up now online, www.yat.org.nz or pop into the YAT Offices at 111 Seaview Road. Limited spaces so get in quick!!

Holiday Programmes

Two summer programmes run from 18th – 22nd January, with a new late finish of 6pm for those who need it. They are Child Youth & Family (CYF) approved, WINZ supplement approved and contracted to the MSD. Activities Quail Island, Orana Park, The Groynes and heaps of games! \$140 a week. Sign up now online, www.yat.org.nz or pop into the YAT Offices.

I Love New Brighton 2016 – Waitangi Monday (attached poster)

Monday 8th February 2016 @ Thomson Park, Marine Parade 11am – 3pm. Large free family event celebrating all we love about New Brighton! Lots of free activities, sports, market, food stalls, bouncy castles and a LIVE stage featuring many bands and more! Still looking for community groups who may want to be a part of the day. Contact jacqui.miller@ccc.govt.nz or call 941533