



From the Principal
Kia ora koutou

Welcome back to you all, and a particularly warm welcome to the many new families who have joined the Rāwhiti School community this term. Our school continues to grow and we have started the new term with 520 on the roll.

Our teachers did not have their feet up all holidays! Twenty two of the staff joined me for three days in Auckland last week to attend the Core Education 'Ulearn' conference. The focus was on transforming teaching and learning, so was very relevant for our staff as we prepare for the next stage in the life of our new school.

2016 Uniform

I am sure that you will be delighted to hear that the Board of Trustees are once again going to provide support for the purchasing of the new school uniforms for next year. For children in Years 1-6 the BOT will fund one polo-shirt and one polar fleece, and for students in Year 7 & 8 the BOT will fund one polo-shirt and one senior jacket. This offer applies to all children who have attended Rāwhiti School in 2015. We have been assured the uniform samples will be here in the next week so that you can establish what sizes you will need, and can order for your child.

Based on the feedback from the uniform survey, children will continue to wear plain black lower half items such as trousers, shorts and skirts. These items should be plain black and have no additional colours, lace or logos. Jeans will not be permitted.

A reminder that Sunhats must be worn in Term 4 – thanks to those who managed to hunt these out over the holiday break. There is no regulation sunhat for 2015 so children can wear whatever sunhat they have, provided it has a full brim. No caps, and no offensive slogans please.

Planning for 2016

We are currently advertising teaching positions for the 2016 school year. Anne Westwood will be retiring at the end of the school year. While Anne will be new to some of you at Rāwhiti, she has been part of the Freeville School community for many years. Tania Luke has also resigned from her position in order to spend more time with her young son – a decision we all understand. We will farewell them both later in the term.

In order to plan effectively for 2016 and ensure we appoint enough staff to start the year, we need to have a clear indication as to the number of children we are planning for. If you know that your plans for 2016 do not involve Rāwhiti School please take the time to let us know now. Parents of Year 6 students have a letter to return regarding their intentions for Year 7 enrolment. We would appreciate these being returned by the end of the week to the Beach Base office. As all of our teachers will be working in collaborative teams next year, there is no longer a need for intensive class placement procedures. Each child will still have a key teacher, as they have this year, so if you feel you need to share any information with us regarding your child's needs and the type of teacher you would like to see them placed with, please let us know by emailing admin@rawhiti.school.nz.

If you are interested in finding out more about how your child can benefit from the bilingual programmes operating in Ata Hāpara please do attend the upcoming information session on Wednesday October 28th (see flyer accompanying this newsletter). For 2016 we will be accepting enrolments into our bilingual unit from within the school. If you think this is an option for your child please come along on the 28th and discuss it with us.

Today many of our classes took part in the national Shake Out drill. While the routine is fairly entrenched for most of us, some of our youngest pupils have not had as much practice as the rest of us, especially in a school setting. You might like to talk to your child about how they managed the drill this morning and practice the 'Drop, Cover, Hold' routine at home as well.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa
Liz Weir



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

Room 11: Toby, Jakob, Cameron, Alexander, Taylor, Madison, Xavier.

Room 2: Brooke, Riley, Lachlan, Toby R.F.

Room3/4: Zoey, Ollie.

Room 10: Liam, Cullen, Maia, Cadence, Shayden, Jack.

Room 9: Greta, Charlotte, Charlie.

Room5/6: Te Ao, Hailey, Madeline

Calendar of Events



October

- 12 Term 4 starts
- 15 National 'Shake Out' Earthquake Drill
- 21 Athletics Year4-8 QE2 Base
- 22 Athletics Postponement day
- 26 Labour Day – School Closed
- 27 Swimming Lessons Start
- 29 BOT Meeting 6.30 QE2 Base Staffroom

November

- 6 School Photo Orders Due
- 7 PTA Comedy Night Pool Fundraiser
- 11 Zone Athletics 10-2pm
- 13 Show Day – School Closed
- 26 BOT Meeting 6.30pm QE2 Base Staffroom

School Notices

2016 Term Dates

There is a requirement that school is open for 384 half days in 2016. The BOT has set the opening and closing dates as follows:

- Term 1 Tuesday Feb 2nd – Friday April 15th
- Term 2 Monday May 2nd – Friday July 8th
- Term 3 Monday July 25th – Friday September 23rd
- Term 4 Monday October 10th - Friday December 16th

Reminders

- **Swimming** \$15.00 per student for 9 lessons including transport, all classes except year7/8. Payment in full by Friday 23rd October. Please contact the school office to arrange payment if you would prepare to pay by Internet banking.
- **Year 6 letter** re intention for Year 7 2016 to be returned ASAP.
- **Touch Rugby** starts Monday 19th October. Payment has to be made in full to allow your child to play.

School Photos

School photos have been sent home this week. If you wish to purchase your child's photos all orders need to be back to school by **6 November** to enable the orders to be back at school before the end of term. If you have children on both bases you can put orders together in one envelope and drop into either school office. Remember these photos make great Xmas presents for family.



2015 International Competitions and Assessments (ICAS) Results

These competitions were developed by Educational Assessment Australia (EAA), through the University of New South Wales, and conducted in over 20 countries.

Congratulations to all the Rāwhiti children who entered these competitions and we want to commend the following children for their outstanding results.

ENGLISH

Credit: Lani (Y6)

Merit: Josh, Milly (Y4); Stella, Torin (Y8)

MATHEMATICS (Certificates will arrive Term 4)

Distinction: Talan (Y4)

Credit: Alex (Y7); Dylan (Y6); Mark (Y5)

Merit: Leroy (Y6); Josh (Y4)

Problem Challenge – through Otago University

Excellence: Finn (Y8)

Merit: Liam, Sophie (Y8); Kayla, Kieran, Alex (Y7); Lani, Kiara (Y6)

Comedy Night with Ben Hurley and Guests

We are just over three weeks away from the Rawhiti Comedy Night on **Saturday 7th November**, and it's time to secure your tickets before they sell out. We have opened ticket sales to the public, but we want to see our school parents and whanau there and continue to offer you the discounted price of \$25 per ticket. It's sure to be a hilarious show full of belly laughs so please come and be entertained and raise money for a great cause - necessary improvements to the school pool at Leaver Terrace.

There are a couple of ways to buy your tickets - drop off payment at the school offices at QE2 and Beach Base, or email us at pta@rawhiti.school.nz.

If you are not able to make it on the night, but have friends who might be interested, **please share** the official Facebook 'event' page where people can register their interest: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1677614745816688/>

And if you need any convincing about the stellar line up of comedians:

Ben Hurley - is widely recognised from his regular appearances on TV3's 7Days, which he is also Head Writer for. Ben has conquered the toughest of crowds and reviewers alike and is adept at tailoring his material and persona to what the event requires. He consistently sells out shows at the New Zealand International Comedy Festival.

Louise Beuvink - brings biting wit, cultural observations and uncomfortable personal stories to the scene as one of New Zealand's most promising young comics. With a background in sketch comedy and improvisation, Louise has quickly gained popularity as a regular on the Auckland comedy circuit and a writer for TV3's 7 Days.

Justin White (MC) - is a brilliant comedian who has been in the game for over 18 years, having done numerous tours and performed at big festivals. Local to New Brighton, Justin will be a brilliant MC for the night.

Cameron McLeod - was second in South Island Raw comedy awards. Cam is a mix of rugby player and hipster to make a fantastic all-round comic.

Jack Ansett - at only 17 years old Jack was the 2015 winner of the South Island Raw comedy competition. This Burnside High School student is a fantastic act to open this show.

A Poem created by Anaru, B8

Anger Is...

Is RED while your ears smoke from your brain over heating.
It TASTES like sour milk heating in the sun for 2 hours.
It SMELLS like a tyre fire.
It LOOKS like a train speeding out of control.
It SOUNDS like a volcano erupting.
It FEELS like a car tyre over your feet.

Anaru Is...

Amazing at Basketball
Neat and tidy :D
Annoyed by loud noises
Really RARE to find
Unbelievably good at being ANARU

COMMUNITY NOTICES

North Beach Surf Lifesaving Club-juniors

2015/16 season registration day - Sunday 18th October 11am-1pm
Trainings beginning Sunday 1st November 9am - 10 30am
For ages 7yrs- 14yrs
For further enquiries please call Andrea 0273439958

NORTH BEACH TENNIS CLUB INC

**34 Palmers Road
North New Brighton
Christchurch 8083**



KIWI TENNIS COACHING

Tuition for 5 – 8 yr olds.

Commencing 21st October to 25th November 2015, this a once-a-week (Wednesdays) 6 week after school programme from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. This is designed to teach basic skills and generate enthusiasm for tennis within this age group. It is a popular programme and a great introduction to tennis. Cost is \$45.00 for 6 sessions and \$39.25 for 2 or more children from the same family.

CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS: Bill 383-1068 or Varinia 352-5202

Come and Play... Kiwi Tennis

at North Beach Tennis Club.

This is a 6 week one-hour per week programme aimed at children 5-8 years of age. It is designed to teach basic skills in a fun environment.

\$45 per child or \$38.25 per child for 2 or children from the same family.

3.30-4.30pm Wednesdays from 21st October

Find Out More:

Visit us at 34 Palmers Road, New Brighton

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

Contact Varinia 352-5202 or Michelle/Bill 3831

FAMILY FUN NIGHT! Saturday 31st October 5:00pm - 7:30pm @ Grace Vineyard Beach Campus, 111 Seaview Road. For only a gold coin donation, join in a large variety of carnival games, bouncy castle, arts & crafts, games, food and two magic shows. It's a safe & fun alternative to Trick or Treating. For more info call Youth Al

School Contact Details

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School Bank Account Number: 030 814 0000 333 25

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Pierside Cafe, South of India
Raewyn Murray Photography proudly presents
"Fundraiser for Rawhiti & South New Brighton Schools"

NEW BRIGHTON SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL

FOOD
LIVE LOCAL MUSIC
FREE KIDS ENTERTAINMENT
Featuring **Written by Wolves** plus more...

Rawhiti School (Central New Brighton)
Sunday, October 18 From 11am to 7pm

Child (under 10) \$5 - Adult \$10 - Family (2 Adults 2 Kids) \$20 - Tickets available from Pierside Cafe

RAIN or SHINE - SMOKE & ALCOHOL FREE EVENT
Supported by

"Please be respectful of the school with regards to no smoking and no alcohol"

Market Day



**NORTH
BEACH**
Community Childrens Centre

31st October 2015

10.30am - 1.00pm

150a Leaver Tce, North Beach