



**RĀWHITI  
SCHOOL**

**Newsletter 22: 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

**From the Principal  
Kia ora koutou**

### **Oh What A Night it was!**

The big news this week has been B3's success at the Made Awards in Tauranga. Their music video Oh What a Night was the winner in the Year 4-8 category and also picked up a prize for a school entering the competition for the first time.

But it didn't end there! There were over 500 entries into the Made Awards this year, and the winners from each of the 21 categories went on to be judged by a team from Weta Workshop, to determine the Supreme winner. If you have watched the video you will not be in any way surprised to learn that Oh What a Night collected the Supreme award too. It was a night to remember for Elizabeth, Lily and Nabaska who were there in person to collect the awards on behalf of B3.



### **Last Day of School**

School officially closes for the year at mid day on Thursday Dec 17<sup>th</sup>. However we have been advised that in order to meet the completion deadline for the new buildings, contractors will need to start removing essential services being transferred to the new school from our current sites – server, wifi, network switches, phones and copiers – from Wednesday Dec 16<sup>th</sup>. This will make it difficult for us to operate as normal.

We would very much appreciate your support and are asking that where possible you cater for your children at home on Dec 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. We fully understand that this is not possible for you all to help in this way. Therefore we will be offering an alternative programme on our Beach Base Site from 9am – 3pm on Wed 16<sup>th</sup> and from 9am – 12pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>. The programme will be run by some of our teaching and support staff, along with volunteers from local community groups. The remainder of our staff will be involved in packing and preparing for the move. The bus service will run from QE2 to Beach in the morning, and from Beach to QE2 in the afternoon.

We do need to get an idea as to how many children we will be supervising on the Wed and Thurs, so if you need to use this service please email [admin@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:admin@rawhiti.school.nz) or phone the school office on 3889519 as soon as possible. We do not need to hear from you if you are able to manage your own children on those days.

### **Another Leaver Terrace Traffic Update**

A lot can happen in a week. I have received an update from the CCC regarding the work to be undertaken on Leaver Terrace. It was originally anticipated that there would be a staged approach to the works, with the parking and Kea Crossing to be undertaken in time for our return. However, the Council has now determined that all of the changes on the street now have to be installed together, meaning there won't be any alterations to the existing layout outside the school until the above measures have been investigated, consulted and approved. The council has indicated that these should be installed before the end of June 2016 subject to resource availability, funding, results of consultation, and Community Board approval. We are extremely disappointed by this news.

Please do let your elected community representation know your concerns on this matter.

### **2016 Music Lessons**

The brochures and registration forms for the Amplify School of Music, which will be operating at Rāwhiti School in 2016, are available at the school office, and from our website. Please do register your interest in vocals/singing, acoustic and electric guitar, drums and percussion, base guitar, piano and keyboard, and sound production lessons so that Amplify can begin to plan their programme. Children can have either individual or group lessons.

**Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa  
Liz Weir**



These children have shared fantastic work with Liz, Paul or Helen this week.  
**Room Q2: Riley S, Ayla, Brooke Wo.**  
**Room Q11: Layton, Willow, Tyson, Baylee**  
**Room Q9: Manuel, Ashton, Maiden-Rose**  
**Room Q10: Starzey**

### Calendar of Events

#### November

- 26 BOT Meeting 6.30pm QE2 Base Staffroom
- 27 PTA Mufti Day – bring an item for the Xmas raffle

#### December

- 2 Parent Helpers Thank You 5pm-6pm
- 10 Leavers Assembly 6pm Roy Stokes
- 11 Reports Home
- 14 Rāwhiti Showcase Assembly
- 15 Rāwhiti 'Rumbustification' (Picnic Day)
- 16 Alternative Programme
- 17 Alternative Programme - School finishes 12pm



## School Notices

### Music Lessons at Rāwhiti in 2016

We are excited to announce that in 2016 we will be partnering with the **Amplify School of Music**. Amplify is a music school from Youth Alive Trust that aims to provide young people the opportunity to engage in musical arts. Amplify tutors provide lessons in vocals/singing, acoustic and electric guitar, drums and percussion, base guitar, piano and keyboard, and sound production. Individual and group lessons are available at competitive rates.

Lessons will be held during school hours on Tuesday and Wednesday. After school lessons can also be negotiated. Brochures and registration forms are available now on our website, or from the school office.

### After School Care 2016

In 2016 parents will again be able to source after school care from their preferred provider. The design of the new school has made it challenging to allocate space specifically for an after school programme, however both of our current providers are able to offer practical solutions to ensure that our children have continuity of care in 2016.

The **RSCI** programme will continue to run from the Beach Base, utilising the existing prefabs and playgrounds. RSCI will collect children from our Leaver Terrace site each day and transport them to the Beach Base. Parents will collect their children from the Beach Base at the end of their working day.

The **SKIDS** team will operate from the Aranui base where they currently run their before school programme. Skids will also provide a dedicated pick up service for children requiring after school care and transport them to Aranui School, where parents can collect them at the end of their working day.

The contact details for each provider can be obtained from our school office if you are interested in accessing either service in 2016.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday April 15<sup>th</sup>
- Term 2 Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday July 8<sup>th</sup>
- Term 3 Monday July 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Term 4 Monday October 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday December 16<sup>th</sup>

### PTA Xmas Raffle

We appreciate all the support we have received this year for our fundraisers and hope that you will be as supportive for our final fundraiser of the year. This will be a Xmas raffle with at least 20 Xmas hampers including a ham and Xmas cake as part of the first prize. Tickets are \$1.00 each and each child will bring home a raffle card with 10 tickets on. Cards will be distributed during the week starting 23rd November. Additional cards will be available from either office and there is a special prize for the person selling the most tickets with a number of lucky draw prizes for everyone who returns sold tickets. This is a voluntary fundraiser so if you are not going to be able to sell your tickets could the raffle card please be returned to office as soon as possible.

A mufti day will be held on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November** with the cost being either a gold coin donation or a non-perishable grocery item suitable for the Xmas raffle.

We have some boxes and gift baskets for making up the raffle prizes but if anyone has any baskets they no longer require and would like to donate them to the raffle they would be much appreciated and can be left at either base office.



**Coffee Morning**  
Thursdays 8:45-10am  
November QE2 Staff Room  
December 3rd Beach Base Staff Room  
Tuesday 8 December 2:30-3:30pm at QE2  
**Everyone Welcome**



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Dear Parents and caregivers,  
skids are excited to announce we will be providing a dedicated pick up service for all Rawhiti children requiring before school care, after school care and holiday care starting Term 1, 2016. Children will be transported to Aranui School.

For more information please contact:  
Bethany on 022 1834 762 or Tara on 022 183 4763



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