



**From the Principal**  
**Kia ora koutou**

I'd like to say thank you for your support in relation to last week's news about the arrangements for Dec 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. This notice is reprinted in this newsletter. If you do need to make use of the alternative programme operating on the Beach Base then please let us know as soon as possible.

Thank you also for your support of the PTA's final fundraiser for the year – the Xmas raffle. Remember that there is a PTA mufti day, **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. All proceeds are going towards the cost of repairing and refurbishing our swimming pool.

### **2016 School Organisation**

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The appointments process has been completed and we can now share with you the full list of teachers and their 2016 teaching levels.

<b>Year 7/8:</b>	Andrew Redmond, Jenny Whiteford, Sharon Thompson.
<b>Year 5/6:</b>	Kathy Lumley, Nigel Stewart, Nicole Johnston, Julia Smith
<b>Year 4/5:</b>	Rosalie Sprosen, Wayne McQueen, Rachel Bourke, Sue Vaughan
<b>Year 2/3:</b>	Tamara Kerr, Teresa Price, Sharon Robertson, Amy Parish
<b>Year 1/2:</b>	Nicole Cunningham, Lisa Handley, Sue Tait, Bev McTaggart
<b>New Entrants/Year 1:</b>	Kylie O'Keefe, Emma Derrick.
<b>Ata Hāpara:</b>	Jasmine Stirling, Lauren Yaxley, Amanda Taueki Kinghazel.

Jasmine joins our permanent teaching staff as Kaiwhakahaere Kaupapa Reorua – the team leader for our bilingual programme. As this team has not had an opportunity yet to start the planning for next year no decisions have been made as to who will take responsibility for teaching at each age level, or how the groupings within Ata Hāpara will be determined.

### **Outstanding Activity Fees**

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A reminder that Activity Fees are supposed to be paid prior to your child going on a trip, unless you have made prior arrangement with the school. We currently have just under \$10,000.00 of outstanding activity fees for things like technology, camps, swimming lessons, museum trips and winter sports that the school now has to find the funds to cover. As we have said throughout the year, we are only too happy to work with you to help you manage these costs. Our office staff are very approachable and only too pleased to assist you. If you are in a position to clear these overdue payments before the end of the year we would be very grateful.

### **Absence Notification**

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We ask that when your child is away from school, for any reason, that you please ring the school and leave a message stating your child's name, room number and reason why they will be absent. If your child is away and we do not know why, then we will make contact with you via a phone call. We do this for safety reasons.

Most of our phone calls to our Parents/Caregivers are to a cellphone and so it costs us to make these calls. This year we have spent an average of \$200 per month making these calls, that is an annual amount of \$2,400 which is 110 hours of Teacher Aide support OR 220 new library books OR 5 Mini iPads.

Please ring the school Office on 3889519 and leave a message, or text 021 08271380.

You will have noticed that the newsletters have been published weekly this term. This is because there is a lot happening and we have a lot of information to share with you regarding the end of the year and our move back to Leaver Terrace. Next weeks newsletter will contain much of the information you need about the end of year arrangements, and what's happening in 2016.

Please note that our final whole school assembly for the year is on **Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm** in the Roy Stokes Hall. The assembly will be 1 hour in length. This event has been on our calendar for some time now and is planned for the evening so that those parents who work and can not make it to our regular assemblies have an opportunity to attend. The focus of this assembly is to celebrate the end of our first year together, and to farewell our senior students heading off to high school. Ideally, we would like all of our children to be part of this significant event, so please diary the date now.

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

**PRINCIPAL AWARDS**

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

- Q2: Riley B, Lachlan, Jai, Cameron. Aidan, Jordan, Jakob
- Q3/4: Liam, Ollie
- Q5/6: Madeline, Eva T, Meg H, Makenzie
- Q7/8: Caitlyn, Lila, Kirsten, Matthew, Manutaki, Luke, Shihana, Izzy, Muika  
 Callum, Lila
- Q10: Diego, Maia, Mason, Oakley,
- Q11: Taylor



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**November**

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

**December**

- 2 Parent Helpers Thank You 5.00pm-6.00pm
- 7 Getting ready for Rāwhiti Party 10.00am – 11.30am
- 8 Year 4 Woodend Camp Day Out  
 Year 2/3 Fun Run
- 10 Final Whole School/Leavers Assembly (Roy Stokes Hall) 7.00pm
- 11 Reports Home
- 14 Rāwhiti Showcase Assembly (Roy Stokes Hall) 1.00pm – 2.00pm
- 15 Rāwhiti 'Rumbustification' (Picnic Day)
- 16 Alternative Programme
- 17 Alternative Programme - School finishes 12.00pm



**School Notices**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Georgina, our caretaker on Beach Base, who last night won three awards for her tireless work. Georgina we are very grateful for the work you do and the extra mile you go for our school. Thank you. Georgina won the following awards:

- 2015 School Environment Caretakers Award.
- 2015 School Environment John Macaulay Award
- 2015 School Environment Highly Commended with Waste minimisation and recycling.

Kane and Jessie went along with Georgina to the awards afternoon tea. Kane and Jessie have been a great help all year in supporting Georgina and her hard work.



## RECOGNISING STUDENT SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL

On Tuesday 17 November we went to the Rotary dinner and award photos. Owen, Alan, Haaron, Christan and I were chosen because of all of the things we do for other people. For example, reading and writing tutors in the junior school, running playground activities for the juniors, junior touch coaching, setting up a surf club and helping out with lots of other one off events. We had a big speech given to us by the Shirley Boys High School Principal. For dinner we had chicken breast with olives and dried tomatoes with a nice sauce and mash potatoes and one person had fish with mash potatoes. We also had delicious brownie. They said we had the best manners of all the other schools!

Makayla Y8



## Last Days 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** on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> from 9.00am – 3.00pm and on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> from 9.00am – 12.00pm. 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 Wednesday and Thursday, 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.

## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS:

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Getting Ready for Rāwhiti Party 10.00 -11.30am Room 2 - QE2 Base  
Please contact Nicole if your child is starting at Rāwhiti School before March next year and you haven't yet enrolled them. [nicolec@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:nicolec@rawhiti.school.nz)

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Year 2/3 Fun Run  
Bower Park  
Fun Run then lunch at Bower Park  
Friends and family welcome

### After School Care 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.

### 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.

### 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 NEWS

Thank you for supporting our PTA Xmas Raffle. All proceeds will go towards heating and repairing the school swimming pool. If you would like more tickets please pop into either of the school offices. Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November is mufti day. Please bring a non-perishable item or gold coin donation for the Xmas raffle. First prize includes a ham and Xmas Cake.

Tickets to be returned to school by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December and winners will be notified.

### COMMUNITY NOTICES



#### FREE MOVIE NIGHT MINIONS

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November  
Parklands Baptist Church  
180 Queenspark Drive

Doors open 5.45pm. Movies starts  
6.30pm You are welcome to bring your  
dinner and a cushion. Refreshments  
available



