

From the Principal

Kia ora koutou

We are disappointed that we have not yet been able to offer you all the opportunity to get on site and have a look around our new buildings. If it's any consolation to you all, our staff have only just had their second ever visit. Some serious holdups with the structural steel meant that progress was way behind schedule. However Hawkins have been working overtime to bring things back on track and as of this morning there is carpet down in some of the studios, so we can certainly see the finish line. We have confirmation that all will be complete by the December 18th deadline, and I will continue to work with Hawkins on the possibility of a site visit opportunity for our community.

Extraordinary Achievements

A music video made by the Year 4 children in B.3 has made the top 5 in it's category in the Year 4-6 **MADE Awards**. Students love to use digital media to discover, explore and communicate learning. Much of the fantastic work completed by children has an audience limited to their class peers, sometimes a school assembly, and occasionally to a proud parent who has popped into class. The MADE Awards seeks to establish an outlet that enables students to show their work with a much wider audience, to be proud of their efforts and to share their learning. To check out their amazing music video 'Oh What a Night' go to their class blog <http://rawhitibythesea.blogspot.co.nz> and choose the Music Video tab. They've taken a 40-year-old song and created a new music video – I think The Four Seasons would be impressed! Here's a snippet from their teacher.....

"At Rāwhiti School our theme for the year has been 'Challenge.' In Term One B3 did a lot of group and whole class challenges where they had to work as a team and show perseverance. At the end of this inquiry we talked about what they could do next to really challenge themselves even further. We were singing 'Oh What a Night,' in class and Octopus' Garden. The children voted to decide what song they would use for their music video. This opportunity would challenge them to use their imagination to create a story to go along with the lyrics. It would also mean, for this to be a success, they would need to use a range of tools. I did warn them before starting this challenge that it was going to be tough. On most of their reflections sheets there was the reoccurring comment...this was hard work! Though, they also feel very proud of what they've created. They realised that this couldn't have been done without everyone pulling their weight and working as a team."

But wait, there's more.....

B3's teacher, Elizabeth Kazmierczak, has been named as one of five finalists in this year's NZ INTERFACE Awards in the 'Best Teaching with ICT' category. She is the only South Island finalist. This really is an extraordinary accomplishment and reflects Elizabeth's expertise and passion for using technology in creative ways to improve student learning and achievement. Congratulations from us all.



Student Leadership

It's always great to get positive feedback from parents about our senior students acting as excellent role models. The group shown here are all coaching Rāwhiti touch teams this term, and I have heard great things about their skills.

Student leadership is not always about waiting for instructions from teachers, it is about 'standing up' every day in practical ways. Developing leadership skills in our students is very important to us, leadership opportunities are not only available to students that might have been chosen for a position and who wear a special badge. Therefore we are investing in sending all of our current Year 7 students on a one day leadership training course next month.



Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa
Liz Weir



These children have shared fantastic work with Liz, Paul or Helen this week.
Room Q11: Jakob, Madison, Taylor, Tyson, Charli, Layton
Room Q2: Ayla, Jordan, Toby B, Arnica, Lilly, Lisa, Maea, Riley S, Ashyia, Faith, Sarsha, Zoe, Brooke, James, Ava, Ruby
Room Q5/6: Da jahn, Rosie, Ben A, Meg A, Maiah, Pepper, Alyssa, Eva T, Meg H, Eva F, Olive, Samisoni, Jaelim, Clara, Olivia, Ari, West, Jay Jay
Room3-4: Poppy, Skye
Room Q10: Shayden

Calendar of Events



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| October | |
| 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 |
| 12 | Year 7 on leadership course |
| 13 | Show Day – School Closed |
| 19 | Whole School Assembly 11am Roy Stokes |
| 26 | BOT Meeting 6.30pm QE2 Base Staffroom |
| 27 | Mufti Day |

School Notices

Planning for 2016

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. Each child will 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 before Show Weekend.

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:

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

School Photos

School photos have been sent home. 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.

Sandy Ave Parking

Please remember to leave room outside the QE2 Base for our bus before and after school. Our caretaker puts cones out each day to show where the bus needs to park, so please keep this area free.

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.

Well Done

A big well done to Ayliah (Rawhiti Learning Crew) and Kiara (B6) who competed at the National Gymnastic Championships in Auckland during the holidays.

Ayliah competed at the Step 5 level where she won the gold medal and National Title on the beam for the 12 years and over division.

Kiara was part of the Canterbury team that won the gold medal in the Step 6 teams event. She also took out the silver medal on floor. On the second day of competition, she won the All-Around National Title. She won the gold in the Under 13s division and also received a trophy for overall top Step 6 in New Zealand.

Huge congratulations girls - all your hard work paid off! We are very proud of you both!



Our dedicated Road Patrol seniors enjoying a rewarding pizza for lunch. Thankyou.

Talent Showcase

Reminder that your music and must be provided to Alex in Ata Hapara by Thursday 5th November (name and artist of song please.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

This is your last chance to tell us how you want to play in the new Eastern Recreation and Sport Centre

Christchurch City Council is encouraging residents to share their ideas for the water toys and other leisure attractions they would like to see in the new Eastern Recreation and Sport Centre on QEII Park.

The *Your Play, Your Say* campaign was launched on 17 September and will close on **Friday 30 October 2015**.

You can share your ideas for the new facility online at www.yourvoice.ccc.govt.nz. Families will have the opportunity to have their say about how the \$6.5 million given to the Council by the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust for water attractions at the new Eastern Recreation and Sport Centre should be spent.

This is a unique chance for residents to ensure this is an exciting facility that can be enjoyed by residents of all ages. Residents, their families and friends are encouraged to go online and let their imaginations run wild.

Construction of the Eastern Recreation and Sport Centre is scheduled to begin in August 2016 and it is expected the facility will open in 2018. As well as the \$6.5 million set aside for water attractions, the Council has approved \$30.5 million for the construction of the new facility.

For more information AND TO SHARE YOUR IDEAS PLEASE VISIT www.yourvoice.ccc.govt.nz or pick up a survey from your local library.

AIR FORCE MUSEUM OF NEW ZEALAND – Holiday Programmes

Bookings are now open for the Air Force Museum's December 2015 and January 2016 OSCAR-endorsed school holiday programmes!

December 'Christmas Truce' - Runs: 17-23 December

Following the story of Snoopy, children will fight off the Red Baron through some fun, active missions and then explore aspects of the Christmas truce in World War One as alluded to in the song, "Snoopy's Christmas".

January 'Dig for Victory' – Runs 18-29 January

Explore all the aspects of life on the home front and abroad during World War Two through a huge variety of missions, challenges, construction and games.

Ages: 5 -12

Cost: Half day: \$25, Full day: \$35, Full week: \$170

Bookings Essential: Please contact the Public Programmes Team on 03 343 9504 or email programmes@airforcemuseum.co.nz



(A snap shot of the great fun we had last school holidays – Air Raid Shelter)

Big science day!

On Saturday 31st October, 2015 Science Alive! will be hosting the BIG SCIENCE DAY, an all-day Science and Technology event suitable for families and people of all ages.

Science Alive! will be taking over Cathedral Square in Christchurch, with this exciting FREE event. With displays, demonstrations, science shows and workshops, the BIG SCIENCE DAY will showcase the amazing innovation that can be found in the Canterbury area, and highlight the possible career paths in the area of Science and Technology within our community.

For more info on showtimes and announcements see: www.bigscienceday.co.nz

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Market Day



**NORTH
BEACH**
Community Childrens Centre

31st October 2015

10.30am - 1.00pm

150a Leaver Tce, North Beach