



From the Principal

Kia ora koutou

This additional newsletter contains important information for 2016.

2016 After School Care

As many of you will be aware, Rāwhiti School is currently served by two after school care providers: Rawhiti Community Sports Inc (RSCI) on the Beach Base, and SKIDS on the QE2 Base.

We are pleased to announce that 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, and we are delighted that both of our current providers have been 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.

School Uniforms for 2016

There was much excitement yesterday when we received the samples of our new school uniform. Please check our website and Facebook page for photos. The samples will be on display in the office at Beach Base tomorrow, Monday and Tuesday, and in the QE2 office Wednesday to Friday next week.

The web site for ordering will be ready to go live very soon. The school will be placing one large order for the polo shirt and polar fleece (or Yr 7/8 jacket) that we are paying for for each child. This deal applies to all children who have attended Rāwhiti School in 2015 and will be returning in 2016.

Next Monday our hard working PTA will be making their way through each class, sizing children for their polo shirt and polar fleece. Your child will bring home a notice showing you the size we intend to order for your child. The lovely PTA ladies will take into account that children grow and will allow for this in their sizing.

You are most welcome to come in and check the sizes for yourself and have your children try them on. You can do this with the PTA on Tuesday between 8.30 and 9.30am or after 3pm, or for the rest of the week at either of the base offices.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa
Liz Weir