



Rāwhiti School
Newsletter 1: February 12 2015

From the Principal

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to our first Rāwhiti School newsletter.

What a fantastic start we have had. There is a very positive feel around both Bases and it has been lovely to see children connecting with new friends and teachers and reconnecting with familiar faces. I have managed to get to the right place on most days – a quick trip on the bus in the morning gets me to the right base if I'm not! We thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to work through the challenges of being in two places.

Whakanuia Te Kura Hou o Rāwhiti

What a wonderful occasion last Thursday was and we thank you for joining us as we came together for the first time as one school and celebrated being part of the exciting times that lie ahead for this community. There have been some lovely photos published in The Press and other local papers – the foundation children (and staff!) looked fantastic in their Rāwhiti tee-shirts and the unique colours generated very positive feedback.

2015 Learning Theme

We have chosen 'Challenge' as our Learning Concept for this year – we think it fits nicely with where we are at as a school. At the moment classes are focusing on some start of year challenges – the challenge of creating a new class environment, the challenge of working in a new, shared space, the challenge of making new friends, and how to manage challenges in a positive way. We look forward to sharing this learning with you later in the term.

On the first day of the term tamariki in the bilingual unit took on the challenge of making their old space look new and, with support from the wonderful folk at Bunnings, created a mural based on the concept of the rising sun in the east – very fitting for Rāwhiti.

Finally, thank you for your support and encouragement throughout this first two weeks. It is inevitable that, despite our best efforts, we won't always get things exactly right – there is no such thing as the perfect school! Our wish is that any issue you may have is dealt with as soon as possible. Most of your concerns and questions will be able to be resolved through an informal conversation with the person concerned. We are all in this together and together we will make it work.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Liz Weir

Rāwhiti School Staff for 2015

Liz Weir

Principal

Beach Base:

Helen Parata

Deputy Principal



Teachers:

B1: Rachel Bourke	Year 4
B2: Stacey Park	Year 4
B3: Elizabeth Kazmierczak	Year 4
B4: Nigel Stewart	Year 5/6
B5: Nicole Johnston	Year 5/6
B6: Wayne McQueen	Year 5/6
B7: Sue Vaughan	Year 5/6
B8: Kathy Lumley	Year 5/6

Specialist, Release and Part Time Teachers:

Lauren McDonnell	Learning Support Coordinator
Tania Luke	Release Teacher
Smruti Pavlov	Release Teacher

Support Staff:

Cheryl Nuthall	Executive Officer
Caretaker	Georgina Lloyd
Librarian	Sue Ashdowne

QE2 Base:

Paul Wilkinson	Deputy Principal
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Teachers:

Q1a: Kat Kevey	Year 7/8
Q1b: Jenny Whiteford	Year 7/8
Q1c: Andrew Redmond	Year 7/8
Q3: Bev McTaggart	Year 2/3
Q4: Kylie O'Keeffe	Year 2/3
Q5: Nicole Cunningham	Year 2/3
Q6: Lisa Handley	Year 2/3
Q7: Sharon Robertson	Year 2/3
Q8: Teresa Price	Year 2/3
Q9: Rosalie Sprosen	Year 1
Q10: Sue Tait	Year 1
Q11: Anne Westwood	New Entrants
Q12: Naomi Smith & Lauren Yaxley	Bilingual Unit

Specialist, Release and Part Time Teachers:

Lauren McDonnell	Learning Support Coordinator
Iris Derham	Learning Support
Sharon Thompson	Bilingual Unit & Release
Diane Gowland	New Entrants (Friday) & Release
Smruti Pavlov	Release Teacher
Clare Byers	Reading Recovery

Support Staff:

Jan Brennan	Office Manager
Jude Bell	Office Assistant
Caretaker	Willie Pitama
Librarian	Sue Ashdowne

Teacher Aides:

Becky Prior
Alison Huddy
Sharyn Brooke



The Green Team – winners of the Rāwhiti Staff City Scramble Challenge!

Teacher Aides:

Leanne Wilton
Sharnee Clarke
Lisa Marsden
Jane Osborne Cathro
Marie Race
Su Pratt

Bus Supervisors:

Becky Prior

Lisa Marsden

Jane Osborne Cathro

SCHOOL NOTICES

Contact Details

Rāwhiti School, PO Box 18886, New Brighton, Christchurch 8061.

Ph 388 9519 (Beach Base and QE2 Base)

Email: admin@rawhiti.school.nz

Rāwhiti School Bank Account Number

The account number for making automatic payments/internet payments for your child's account has changed. The new number is 030 814 0000 333 25.

We understand that the start of the school year can be an expensive time for families and we would like to work with you to make these costs more manageable. Please either visit or call Cheryl, our Executive Officer in the Beach Base office, to set up an automatic payment schedule to help you spread costs across the school year.

Eftpos is available to you on both the Beach Base and the QE2 Base.

Absence Messages

For all absence messages please phone 3889519 and leave a message.

If you prefer to text you can do so to the following numbers: Beach Base 027 630 6897 QE2 Base 021 0827 1380. Please be assured that any absence message, no matter where you text, will be recorded.

School Uniform – Tee shirts

Demand for the smaller sizes has exceeded expectations and a further (and final) order will be placed next week. If you intend to make further purchases of the Child Small or Child XS sizes please let Jude or Jan know by phoning the QE2 Base office.

School Uniform – Sunhats

Sunhats must be worn this term. There is no regulation sunhat for 2015. Children can wear whatever sunhat they have at home that has a full brim. Darker colours preferred. No caps, and no offensive slogans. Please ensure hats are named.

Swimming Pool Keys

Keys for the Beach Base swimming pool will be available to Rāwhiti families for purchase from Monday Feb 16th at a cost of \$20 for the remainder of the swimming season. Keys must be collected by an adult and a pool users agreement will need to be signed. Please see Cheryl in the Beach Base office.

Forming the Rāwhiti PTA – Wednesday 25th February, 7.30pm at Joe Jandals Home Décor HQ, 18L Bower Ave

We would like to extend an open/warm invitation to all parents, caregivers, whanau members or teachers to help form the brand new Rāwhiti PTA. The PTA will have an emphasis this year on both fund-raising and FUN-raising for our new school.

Come along to this initial meeting to learn more about the PTA and see if it could be right for you. No pressure to join if you do come along on the 25th. We'd love to meet as many members of our new school community as we can & share ideas.

If you are interested in joining, but can't make it on the night, please leave your details at either school office. Thanks!

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be operating on the QE2 Base on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8.00 am, thanks to our very kind volunteer Alice, who has operated this service for a number of years. We would love to be able to offer this same service to children on the Beach Base and are looking for volunteers to make this happen. Please contact Cheryl in at Beach Base office if you can help, or know others who might.

After School Care

After school care is available on both school sites – operated by Rāwhiti Sports on the Beach Base and Skids (Safe Kids in After Daily Supervision) on the QE2 Base. Please contact the school office for enrolment details.

Board of Trustee Elections

Election Day is Friday 26th March and information will be coming home in due course via the school newsletter and nomination forms posted to all parents. It is important that we have your correct postal address, including postcode. Please contact either school office if you need to check your address.

Music lessons at QEII Base

If your child is interested in learning piano, keyboard, recorder, clarinet, saxophone, ukulele, or guitar please call 3771 753 for information on lessons during school time

Community Notices

Rāwhiti Beach Base OSCAR

Room 10 Rawhiti Beach Base 3pm -5.45pm. \$16.10 per session. Free pickup from QE2 Base. Winz subsidy available. Phone Sandra on 027 464 0005. Oscar and CYFS approved.

Uniforms for Vanuatu

We can donate our old second hand school uniforms to children in Vanuatu. There is a shipping container leaving for Vanuatu in a couple of weeks.

If you have old uniforms you wish to donate to this cause you can bring them in to your school office **BEFORE Friday 20th February**. Any uniform pieces will be accepted but they must be in **CLEAN, UNDAMAGED condition**. Thank you!

Shirley tennis club junior coaching

Come and join us for 2nd part of the summer season.

Saturday mornings to end of March 2014

8 & Under Boys/Girls – 8.30am

9 years – 12 years Boys/Girls – 9.30am

13 and over Boys/Girls – 10.45am

\$25.00 subscription per junior for remainder of season.

Professional Coaching provided as part of Subscription

Please contact Wayne Turner (385-3320) for further information.

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(formerly Kip McGrath Education Centre)

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Parklands United Sports Club

Football/Netball Registration Dates 2015

Wednesday Feb 11th 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Saturday Feb 14th 10.00am to 12.30pm

Sunday Feb 15th 11am to 1.30pm

At Parklands Community Centre
75 Queenspark Drive.

Football for all ages and all Junior Netball Grades.

See website www.parklandsunited.co.nz

Xpression Dance Studio

– Enrol now for 2015! Hip Hop, Ballet and Contemporary classes for ages 3 to adult. Open, performance and qualification classes available. Your very first lesson with us is FREE! Contact: 03 373-8032 / 027-435-9722 / Email xpressionds@gmail.com / Web www.xpressionds.com

After School at New Brighton Library

Code Club, Monday 5-6pm

Minecraft club, Tuesday 3:30-4:30pm

Craft club, Tuesday 4:30-5:30pm

Tech-Know Kids, Thursday 3:30-4:30pm

Homework help, any day, any time!

All FREE, no bookings required.

To find out more, go to:

www.christchurchcitylibraries.com

Duffy Books

Duffy Books kindly give all our families pre-schoolers a book for their birthdays. If you would like to be part of this please advise the office of your child's name and the names of any preschool siblings and their full birth date.

Thank you.

New Brighton Netball Club

Calling all junior players! Whether you are looking to learn a new skill or improve your tactics whilst having fun & meeting new friends New Brighton Netball are the club for you.

All ages welcome *No experience necessary *coaches wanted. Simply register online at – www.sportsground.co.nz/form.asp?formid=25727 or visit some of our friendly committee at New Brighton Netball Courts on 22nd February 11am- 2pm.

If you have any questions please contact Dianna our club secretary at – newbrightonnetball@gmail.com

Thank You for your support
