



## From the Principal

### Kia ora koutou

Thanks to everyone who came along to the comedy night last Saturday and supported the fundraising for our swimming pool upgrade. It was a hugely entertaining night out – Ben Hurley proved to be every bit as funny in real life as he is on TV! Congratulations and a huge 'Thank You' to the PTA for putting the evening together. Events like this don't just happen. We all know the hours that go in behind the scenes to ensure everything runs smoothly on the night. Work is underway on the pool and things are on track for having it up and running in February.

I want to share with you a message I received yesterday from Chris Davey, Education Officer at the Airforce Museum, following a visit by two of our Year 2/3 classes this week.

*"This is just a quick email to say how wonderful your students were, and to acknowledge their tikanga Māori; tino pai rawa! Not only was it encouraging that the students understood basic te reo commands that I used, but we were treated to a waiata at the end of Monday's visit and a haka at the conclusion of Tuesday's visit! The haka was particularly moving as it was performed in front of our Roll of Honour; only the second time I have seen that in my 10 years at the Museum. So, congratulations to you, your great teaching staff, your families, and to the students themselves; the new Rāwhiti School looks set to be a great learning environment. We look forward to further visits from your school."*

This is great feedback as to how these young children conducted themselves, and on the work their teachers have done to grow tikanga Māori in our mainstream classes. We know we have a long way to go in the development of our new school, but the future is looking bright.

### School Uniform

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I hope you have had a chance to pop in and see the display samples of the new school uniform this week. Hopefully you have also seen the slip of paper indicating the size of uniform we are going to order for your child for 2016. A reminder that you are most welcome to come in and check that we have this right, and to make a change if you wish.

I know that many of you are wanting to purchase additional items and we will let you know as soon as the web site for ordering goes live. Uniforms will be delivered in January ahead of the start of the new school year so you have plenty of time to place your orders. The polo shirts cost \$29.90 and the polar fleece tops will be \$49.90. Remember the Board of Trustees is paying for one of each for all our current students. Our suppliers, Impact, worked hard to ensure they met the price range indicated by our community.

We have had questions about why there is not the option of a dress for girls. The uniform committee surveyed the school community, including our children, before determining the uniform options. The feedback was that quality and price were the most important factors for our community, followed closely by the colour options. Other factors were ensuring that our uniform looked unique, modern, and did not favour the colour or styles of the uniforms of any of the three merging schools. For the children it was mostly about the colour, with older children talking about having a uniform that allowed them to move and play, and the older girls talking about having something that suited all shapes and sizes. In addition we looked very closely at what other new schools were implementing.

The option of a skort or a skirt provides two feminine opportunities for girls, who have best of both worlds with the added bonus of shorts, leggings and track suits if they prefer.

We can't wait to see the whole school in their new outfits.

### Staffing for 2016

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We congratulate Jenny Whiteford and Kylie O'Keeffe who have been appointed to permanent positions on the Rāwhiti staff. Sharon Thompson will be joining our Year 7/8 team in a full time capacity next year, and we also welcome Julia Smith, Emma Derrick and Tamara Kerr to the teaching staff for 2016. This week we are working through the bilingual appointments for Ata Hāpara and hope to be able to announce these next week.

As soon as we have a full compliment of staff we will be able to let you know the structure of the school for 2016.

Thank you to those who have notified us of their intentions for next year, this certainly helps with our planning. If you know of any pre-schoolers turning 5 next year who have not already enrolled please do encourage parents to come in and pick up the forms.

### **2016 Private Music Lessons**

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The school inherited a number of private music providers from the three closing schools and in 2015 we have worked hard to ensure that each teacher has been able to access space on one of our sites to continue to teach their private clients during school hours. The move to our home site in 2016 has necessitated a review of the current arrangements as we are unable to continue to accommodate the same number of private teachers.

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.

### **Leaver Terrace Traffic Update**

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We have been working with traffic engineers from the Christchurch City Council around potential traffic and parking issues when we return to Leaver Terrace. The council have drawn up plans for 90 degree angle parking directly outside the school and parallel parking across the road, with a mix of P3 and P10 time limits. The inclusion of an island and give way control at the Leaver Terrace/Grantley Street intersection to slow traffic entering and leaving the Leaver Terrace school section of road, prevent vehicles U-turning in the intersection area and increase awareness of motorists entering the no exit section of the road is also being considered. At the request of the school the installation of a Kea Crossing at the main pedestrian crossing is under consideration.

The council intend to implement as much of this proposal as possible before school resumes in Feb 2016 - subject to resource availability, results of consultation and Community Board approval. Please feel free to make your opinions known to your local Community Board representatives.

And finally, our best wishes to Elizabeth Kazmierczak, and Lily and Nabrasca from B3 who are off to Tauranga tomorrow to represent our school at the Made Awards. Good luck B3 – your music video is amazing and we eagerly await the results of the judging.

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



**These children have shared fantastic work with Liz, Paul or Helen this week.**  
**Room Q2: Jordan, Brooke, Ava, Riley B, Toby R.F Riley O, Arnika, Anabelle, Brooklyn, Riley.**  
**Room Q5/6: Makenzie, Hailey, Meg, Tai Jahn**  
**Room Q11: Mireia, Shayde**  
**Room Q9: Callum**  
**Room Q7: Kaiya**

## Calendar of Events



### November

- 19 Whole School Assembly 11am Roy Stokes
- 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 School finishes 12pm

## School Notices

### 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 NEWS

#### \$4000 boost for school pool

Thank you to everyone who came to the Comedy Night on Saturday. From this event we have raised \$4000 towards the repairs of our school pool. A big shout out to all the volunteers who helped out with cleaning, moving chairs, working in the bar, doing the sound, removing rubbish and hard-core mopping! For those who attended we'd love to hear your feedback about the night – what you enjoyed the most, what we perhaps could have done better, or any other suggestions. Please email us at [pta@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:pta@rawhiti.school.nz).

#### 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.



## Duffy \$5.00 Book Order



Last week your child was given a \$5.00 Parent Offer Book Order. These books are a great buy and perfect for Xmas presents. Orders need to be back to either school office by **FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER** and books will be given to students on **TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**. If you are purchasing these books for your own children's presents, and don't want the books to be given to them, please ensure you note the order form accordingly.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



**RAWHITI COMMUNITY**  
sports incorporated

The dates for the RSCI holiday programme before Christmas will be Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December- 8.30am – 5.30pm, on the Rāwhiti School Beach Base.

January Holidays programmes will operate as follows:

January - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>

January - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

January - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>.

Hours are 8.30am – 5.30pm

In 2016 Rawhiti Community Sports Incorporated will be running the Oscar afterschool programme in B4 and B5 on the Rawhiti Beach Base School. we will continue to offer a free pickup service. We will also be looking into a before school morning programme depending on the interest.

Any queries feel free to contact me on 0274640005 or email [sandra@rawhiticommunity.co.nz](mailto:sandra@rawhiticommunity.co.nz)

### Roller Disco

Date: Friday 20 November (rain date 27 November)

Where: South Brighton Community Centre car park

Time: 3.30 - 5.30pm

Cost: FREE skate hire and sausage sizzle

Who: Local school aged children and their families

### SURFKIDS

Sundays and Summer Holiday surfing programme.

Learn the skills of Surfing in a fun, safe environment. All equipment provided and professional instruction from Aaron Lock and team. For kids 8 - 14 years.

Sundays at 10 am – 12 pm

School Holidays 10 am - 12 pm

Dec / Jan 18, 20 - 24 Dec 27 - 31 Dec 11 - 15 Jan 18 – 22 Jan 25 - 28 Jan

Cost \$30 per day or \$135 for five. Bookings essential.

Venue :Sumner and New Brighton

Call Aaron on 0800 80 SURF (7873) or register online at [www.surfcoach.co.nz](http://www.surfcoach.co.nz)



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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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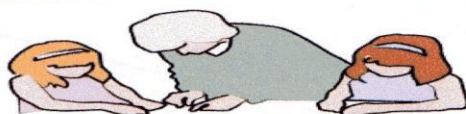
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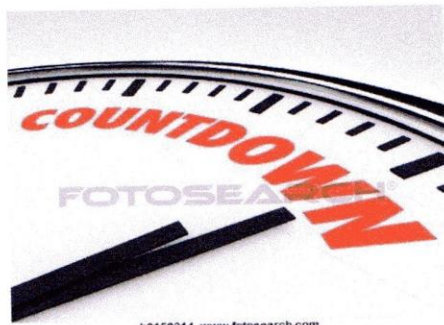
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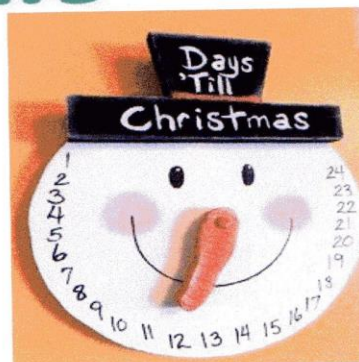
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Arts & Crafts



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**\*\*THEME: COUNTING DOWN TO CHRISTMAS\*\***

**WHERE: ALL SAINTS CHURCH LOUNGE, 305 NEW BRIGHTON RD, BURWOOD**

**WHEN: SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER AT 3.30 PM, DOORS OPEN AT 3.00PM**



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