

From the Principal



Kia ora koutou

The Term is quickly drawing to a close – although things are certainly not slowing down. I am never sure if we are winding up or winding down for the year, but the years seem to get busier and busier as we approach the end of the term and year.

There are many tasks to be done – most of which involve planning for 2018. Thank you for the continued support you give us at this time. In this newsletter we outline a number of events that are happening between now and the end of the year. While they have been on our web calendar for a long time, they might not yet be on your calendar, so please do note when the assemblies and performances are happening and make time to come along and support your children if you can.

**School Reports and Information for 2018**

School reports will be coming home on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Included in the envelope will be information on your child's placement for 2018, an introduction to the teachers in their Learning Studio, the stationery list for 2018, and information about the Getting Connected meetings to be held on Tuesday January 30<sup>th</sup>.

You will also find a handy fridge magnet with the term dates for 2018. Please make sure your child gives you the envelope containing this vital information.

**2018 Learning Studios**

The breakdown of the Learning Studios for 2018 is as follows:

<b>Rongo Ma Tane:</b>	NE/Yr1-2:	Nicole Cunningham (Team Leader), Sue Tait, Lisa Handley, Rachel McLauhlin.
<b>Papatuanuku:</b>	Yr 2-3:	Helen Hogarth (Team Leader), Brogan O'Neil, Amy Parish, Rachel Beaumont.
<b>Haumia-tiketike:</b>	<b>Ata Hapara – Bilingual programme:</b>	Jasmine Stirling (Team Leader), Lauren Yaxley, Amanda Taueki-Kinghazel, Kylie O'Keeffe
<b>Tane Mahuta:</b>	Yrs 4-6:	Ailson Beech (Team Leader), Kathy Lumley, Nigel Stewart, Judith Boeren.
<b>Tawhitimatea:</b>	Yrs 4-6	Urmi Shah (Team Leader), Sharon Robertson, Julia Smith, Eugene Becconsall, Marcella Wood (Fridays).
<b>Tangaroa:</b>	Yrs 7- 8:	Nogo Sipeli (Team Leader), Andrew Redmond, Sharon Thompson, Anna- Belle Graham.

Ngā mihi nui

Liz Weir

**Leavers Assembly: Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm – 7.30pm.**

This special assembly is a whole school event at which we recognise a range of achievements, celebrate our year, and farewell our Year 8 students. It's a chance for us all to acknowledge our senior students and wrap up the year in a collaborative way. All children are expected to be part of this event, which is scheduled for the early evening to allow families to attend. Children are to meet their teachers in their learning studios at 6.15pm.

I look forward to seeing you all there.



## **Rāwhiti 'Rumbustification - Wednesday December 13th**

This is a fun, picnic day event to help our children celebrate the end of the school year. All the fun will take place here at school. Children will come to their Learning Studio as usual in the morning and are to wear their school uniform for the day. They are also to bring:

Togs, rash top and towel  
Sunblock  
Morning tea and lunch  
School sunhat

## **Vis Tab**

We have a new, Vistab electronic sign in system at the school office. It replaces our old visitor's book, and provides a much more effective way of keeping track of who is visiting our site and who leaves during the day. Children arriving at school after 9am need to go to the office and a staff member will help them sign in. Parents collecting children for an appointment during the school day will need to sign the child out using the new electronic system. It is easy to use, and our office staff will be on hand to help out if required.

## **Final Newsletter**

There will be one last newsletter for the year on Thursday December 14th. This newsletter will contain all of the start of year information.

## **What's coming up?**

### **December**

6 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome to Rāwhiti Party
7 <sup>th</sup>	BOT Meeting 6.00pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	Reports come home
12 <sup>th</sup>	Final Assembly 6.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Rumbustification Day
14 <sup>th</sup>	Show Case Assembly 1.30pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	School Closes for year 12.00pm



## **Principal Awards**

Rongo-Ma-Tāne: Harry S, Travis, Lexie S, Archer, Jasper, Maia Mac, Natalie, Harley.

## **School Notices**

### **Swimming**

Swimming starts on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November – the cost is \$25.00 per student. Payment is required by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Please contact the school office if you wish to discuss this.

### **Accounts**

School accounts were emailed, or posted today. We appreciate your support in paying for your child's activities.

If you have any queries or concerns please contact Cheryl in the school office. The school office has eft-pos available or you may find internet banking more convenient. Please put your child's name as your reference. Bank account: 03 0814 0000 333 25.

Activity fees go towards the cost of experiences and services which are extra to the school's curriculum obligations. They also go towards curriculum based activities which involve a 'take home' component for students to keep. Rāwhiti School's activity fee is paid per activity.

We are very mindful of the difficult financial situations some of our families find themselves in and sensitive to parents who are struggling to afford their contribution to curriculum items for their children.

We would encourage you to make regular weekly payments, (\$5.00 - \$10.00 per week), to help with activity fees (trips, winter sport, touch rugby, etc). You could do this either by eftpos or cash in the school office or internet banking. Our bank account details are 03 0814 0000333 25. Please put your child's name as a reference. If you wish to make regular weekly payments your account is updated weekly and at any time we are able to give you a current balance.

We are very happy to work with you to ensure that all our Rāwhiti students are able to participate in curriculum linked activities that incur a cost.

**Sports Uniform**

There are a number of sports uniforms that are yet to be handed back in. Could you please check with your child if they have bought them back and if not can they please come in asap. Touch and Basketball uniforms will be collected on the last day of their game for Term 4 so please ensure your child has another top to change into after their game.

If your child is travelling to the Canterbury Athletics on Wednesday they will hand their uniform in before they return home. Please ensure they have another top with them. If your child went to the Zone Athletics two weeks ago and is not traveling to the Canterbury Athletics please return their uniform asap. Thank you for your support with ensuring we have all uniforms returned.

**Second Hand Uniforms**

If your child has grown out of their school uniform, or you are leaving Rāwhiti School at the end of the year, we would appreciate your second hand uniform so the PTA can on-sell this. Proceeds will go to the PTA. Thank you for your support.

**Parents of 2017 Year 6 students attending Rāwhiti School**

Our senior students have the option of a senior school jacket with the school logo printed on it. We are able to offer our Year 6 students, who are continuing on as Year 7 students with Rāwhiti School in 2017, a discounted price of \$65.00 per jacket, down from the normal cost of \$115.00. We will size your child with current jackets to ensure they receive the correct fitting.

We will be putting through an order for all families who wish to take up this offer on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Jackets will be available for your child at the beginning of the 2018 school year.

Payment will need to have been received in full by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to allow your order to be processed. You may wish to make this payment at the school office or via internet banking: 03 0814 0000333 25. Please reference your child's name.

Please complete the form below and return it to the school office so we can size your child.



**SENIOR JACKET FOR YEAR 7 2018 STUDENTS WHO CURRENTLY ATTEND RAWHITI SCHOOL**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my child to be sized for a senior school jacket for the 2018 school year.

I understand that payment of \$65.00 is required to be paid in full by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to allow an order for my child to be processed for a Senior School Jacket.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent)      Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Dental Care over the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing emergency dental appointments on the **19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December** available at the following clinics: Hornby Community Dental Clinic, Northcote Community Dental Clinic, Woolston Community Dental Clinic Aranui Community Dental Clinic

### Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January – Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (inclusive)

This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance.

### **New Year Clinic Openings**

An emergency dental service will also be offered from Hillmorton Community Dental Clinic and Northcote Community Dental Clinic on the following dates:

### Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (inclusive) and Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (inclusive)

You can phone and make an appointment for these clinics by ringing 0800 846 983.

## Community Notices

(Notices placed here are contingent on space and do not reflect the views or opinions of the school.)

### Free Summer Holiday Activities for Intermediates & Teens

Youth Alive Trust are running a 3 day Pre-Christmas Holiday Programme for Intermediates and Teens, from 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> December. Activities include kayaking, coasteering, rifle shooting and cinema. Sign up now for FREE at: <http://www.youthalivetrust.org.nz/holiday-programmes/breakaway-years-9-13/>

### January Holiday Programmes

Registrations are now open for our regular Junior and Senior Holiday Programmes from 15<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> January. WINZ subsidies available. Full programme, costs and sign up at this link: <http://www.youthalivetrust.org.nz/holiday-programmes/holiday-programme-years-1-9/>

### Seniors Only Daily Oscar 2018

Register now for our daily after school programme especially for the 'older kids' - Years 5-8. Activities include Kitchen Klub, Craft Club, Basketball, Out Days and more! Free van pick-ups from Rāwhiti, SNBS and NBC Primary schools. WINZ subsidies apply. More info at: <http://www.youthalivetrust.org.nz/holiday-programmes/senioroscar/>

### Father & Son Camp

This annual camp is for intermediates and their Dads, spending 2 nights of quality time together from 2-4<sup>th</sup> March. It is heavily subsidised so costs just \$120 for each father son pair. More info and online sign up at: <http://www.youthalivetrust.org.nz/camps/fsc/>

# NEW BRIGHTON SEASIDE Christmas Parade December 9<sup>th</sup>

A FANTASTIC DAY OF CHRISTMAS FUN,  
GREAT STALLS, ENTERTAINMENT  
AND DELICIOUS FOOD!

- MARKET 10AM-2PM
- MEET SANTA ON THE BEACH AT 10:15.
- PARADE BEGINS AT 10:30
- CONCERT BEGINS AFTER THE PARADE
- SANTA'S GROTTO OPENS FROM 11:30

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