

From the Principal



Kia ora koutou

Welcome to Term 4, and a particularly warm welcome to all of the new children and families who have joined us at Rāwhiti already this term. Aleigha, Evie, Hunter, Jaime and Quinn have started school as new entrants this week. We also welcome London and Reef from Balcutha, Nico from Tikorangi, Niya from Paparoa Street, and Lukah and Makoia from Haeata Community Campus. We hope you enjoy your time here at Rāwhiti School.

You will have noticed that people have been busy at school over the holidays. The swimming pool complex is getting a makeover ahead of the summer swimming season – the painting is underway and the seating is also being replaced. Thanks to Clint Parks and Chris Manning, both of whom are Rāwhiti parents, for the work they are doing to make the pool area look amazing.

Thanks also to those who came along to the Working Bee last Saturday and spent time helping us plant out the new play area and do a bit more landscaping around the bike track. We are very appreciative of the time people generously donate to our school – and this is the second time this year we have put the call out to help with planting and landscaping. The play area is slightly behind schedule, however the fences are due to be removed for the beginning of Week 3. Next week we expect to see the astroturf go down in that area, and we can't wait to see the new slide go in.



Wellbeing Initiatives Parent Meeting

Next week there are be two opportunities here at school for parents to learn more about Kathleen Liberty's research work into the impact that the Canterbury earthquakes have had on children's brain development. Kathleen's work is behind the Calming and Coping Strategies we are implementing here at school.

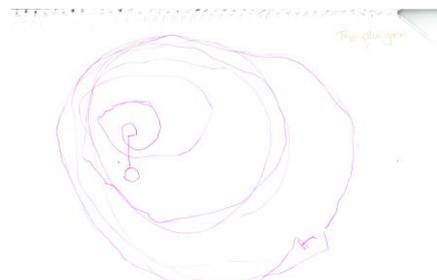
On Wednesday 25 October we will be hosting an information session at 9am, and again at 7pm for those who work during the day. Please RSVP to the office so we know how many to cater for.



Stolen speakers

For the second time this year we had all of our outdoor speakers stolen over the holiday period. This is hugely frustrating for us - not just because of the cost of replacing the speakers, but because the young people doing this cause considerable damage to our new building, and because we have to go without our bell system for such a long time while replacement speakers are ordered and installed.

This morning I spent time with Oskar, Will and Eliza (all aged 5) who have been putting their brains to use to come up with a way to stop 'baddies' taking our speakers. They have a number of plans, ranging from 'The Mud Swinger' through to 'The Pineapple Cannon', and 'The Plunger'. We share a couple here for you to enjoy. If this doesn't put people off a life of crime, I'm not sure what will!



Staffing Update

We are pleased to be able to announce a number of permanent appointments to our teaching staff.

Urmi Shah will be joining us in 2018 as a new Team Leader in the Year 4-6 area of the school. Urmi is currently a team leader at Merrin School here in Christchurch, but will be known to some of you as she lives here in New Brighton.

Eugene Beconsall will be also be joining the Year 4-6 teaching team. Eugene is also a local, who has been teaching in Wellington at Churton Park School for the last 10 years. He is looking forward to bringing his young family back home to Christchurch.

Anna-Belle Graham has also secured a permanent position and we are delighted that she will be staying on with us at Rāwhiti. Outside of teaching Anna-Belle is an award winning artist and our senior children are already benefitting from her skills in this area.

Next week we sadly farewell Debbie O'Hara, one of our hard working Teacher Aides, who is moving to the North Island. Deb was previously a Teacher Aide at Freeville School and has been involved in supporting children with their behaviour and learning for a long time. We wish her well, and have our fingers crossed that we will see her back at some stage in the future.

Our school roll is currently the highest it has been since we opened. We are now making our final teaching appointments for the 2018 school year and so it is vital that we have accurate numbers to work with. If you know your child is not returning to Rāwhiti next year and you have not already done so, please let the school office know.

Enjoy the long weekend.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa
Liz Weir

Principal Awards

Rongo-Ma-Tāne: Eliza, Cooper F, Harley, Charlie, Aria, Sophie S, Harley C, Oskar, Will, Eliza, Angus R.
Papatuanuku: Emma Rose, Mihiata

What's coming up?

October

19 th	Pasifika fanau fono 5:30pm
23 rd	Labour Day – school closed
24 th – 27 th	Kindness Week
27 th	Superhero Mufti Day – gold coin donation



November

3 rd	Year 5 – 8 Athletics – 9.30am
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School Notices

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 eftpos 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.

Sun Hats

Term Four is Sun Hat time children must wear school hats in Term 4 and Term 1. We have plenty of hats in stock at the office \$12.50.

Sunscreen is provided in class, but maybe a little reminder to put sunscreen on your child at home. Hats are to be worn at school - school uniform ones not caps.

School Photos

Your child has been given their class and individual photo to bring home and if they had a family photo they have also been handed out to the eldest child in your family. Sports photos are available for viewing online – there is information in the senior students packs on how to view these and order them.

The final date for ordering photos through school is Friday 3rd November. You can order your photos online.

Wanted

Could you please send to school any old clean unwanted socks, these are required to make sock puppets. Thankyou.

Rocket Winners

Olivia T and Ruby B won the raffle for the lolly rocket pinatas. Well Done.



Sports Uniforms

If your child has a school sports uniform at home could they please return this to the office asap. Thank you.

Kindness Week

23rd - 27th of October is officially Kindness Week at Rāwhiti School! Let's spread some kindness: one of the best things we can do for our own well-being, building community & a happy school.

Over the course of the week teachers will be taking inspiration from **Mindful Mover** (<http://www.mindfulmover.co.nz/>) and the **All Right campaign "Sparklers"** (<https://allright.org.nz/tools/sparklers/everyday-kindness/>) to do kindness activities with their classrooms. The PTA are helping to organise **Kindness Rocks**, a world-wide movement of sharing kindness messages on rocks to distribute around the local community.

For adults: https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=TK8iHsDXGvQ

For kids: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e_iBnQ19Yhs

Rāwhiti kids will be learning a special Rāwhiti Sunrise movement sequence during the week as choreographed by the senior kids in the Tangaroa studio. On Tuesday the kids will be given a secret kindness buddy. Each day we challenge the students to surprise their buddy with an act of kindness. The idea is to discover ways to gift things that are thoughtful, free and/or homemade. Eg. a compliment, a drawing, a flower, origami, an encouraging note or an invitation to play. Help your kids brainstorm and set aside time to make their buddy feel extra special.

There will be a wall display in the library offering ideas for Random Acts of Kindness. Please check it out and participate if you feel inspired - this is for the entire community! When you complete the card pass it on and challenge someone else to spread kindness in our community.

Friday 27th October is Super-hero Mufti day! Gold coin donation will go towards a local charity. Students should dress up as a superhero because kindness is a super power that spreads goodness into the world.

Friday afternoon from 2pm is our Celebration of Kindness. There will be a free Sausage Sizzle for parents and children. You may also bring a plate to share if you wish. There will be a super exciting special secret guest coming along to hand out prizes for random acts of kindness done during the week. The kindness rocks will be arranged and displayed for you to enjoy and a repeat performance of the Rāwhiti Sunrise movement sequence.

Check out Rāwhiti Facebook for updates on activities and random acts of kindness.



Quiz Night - Sunday 29 October

At the One Good Horse, Parklands on Sunday 29 October from 7pm (doors open 6.30). You can book a table for \$60 for a team of six by emailing pta@rawhiti.school.nz. We have already got a good number of prizes for our famous raffle on the night and we're hoping to run a silent auction as well.

Which reminds me... If you work at, or know, a business that would like to support us by donating a prize or a voucher we'd really love to hear from you. We've got exciting plans for new playground equipment at the school and as you can imagine any support is much appreciated to help us reach our fundraising goal.

Rāwhiti PTA is a NZ Registered Charity so donations are tax deductible. Also we will acknowledge all business support via social media (with links), through signage and flyers on the night and of course within this newsletter. Contact Steph on 021-136-5391 or pta@rawhiti.school.nz if you can help us out.

\$16.00 PER Premium Calendar	\$17.50 PER Diary
\$14.00 PER Classic Calendar	\$16.00 PER Mouse Mat
\$15.00 PER Pack of 8 Cards	\$15.00 PER Kids Notepad

Calendar Orders

Abacus Art Calendars - ordering now

Your child will receive an individual order form for the art calendars from their teacher. This should come home with them in the next day or so. The form explains how to order the artwork items - please note it is now ALL done online. There are NO forms or money to return to the office.

On each form there will be an individual code for your child which you use to log on with and order the products you like. You will see the artwork that your child has produced. If your child was away and was unable to make an artwork at school you can still login and order items by uploading your own photo or artwork from home if you wish.

All ordering is to be completed by October 31. This is so we can get the items printed and delivered back to school in time for Xmas postage. If you have any issues please email pta@rawhiti.school.nz and we'll help you out. Thanks so much for your support. All money the PTA is raising this year will go towards playground equipment at the school.

Huakina Mai Whānau Information

HOW IT WORKS

Huakina Mai ensures that school systems and teacher practice are culturally responsive through collaborative school planning and professional learning. Teachers follow a teaching framework, Mana ki te Mana, which articulates key teacher practices and behaviours that support strength based behaviour. Behaviour systems within the school are managed collaboratively by the Kaihōe (steering) team, including a foundation of preventative strengths based support and restorative practices.

THE KAIĀRAHI

Huakina Mai provides a kaiārahi position to link the school and the Māori community. The aim is to build the capacity of individuals (both in school and community), groups (iwi, whānau and teachers) and the school system (leadership and policies) within which they work to:

- ensure positive relationships between school leaders, teachers, learners, whānau and hapū, iwi
- support and empower shared decision-making at all levels
- promote collaboration between school, whānau and students to focus on strengths based teaching and learning
- strengthen leadership systems across school, students and whānau
- share a pedagogy of teacher connectedness throughout the school
- enable teachers to teach students the skills they need to solve problems and to resolve conflict

Schools are charged with enabling their Māori students to 'achieve educational success, as Māori' (MOE, 2008, p.4). Huakina Mai contends that schools cannot define, plan for or achieve this outcome in isolation from their Māori communities. The Kaiārahi ensures that the collaborative relationships that are required for this to occur are in place and supported.

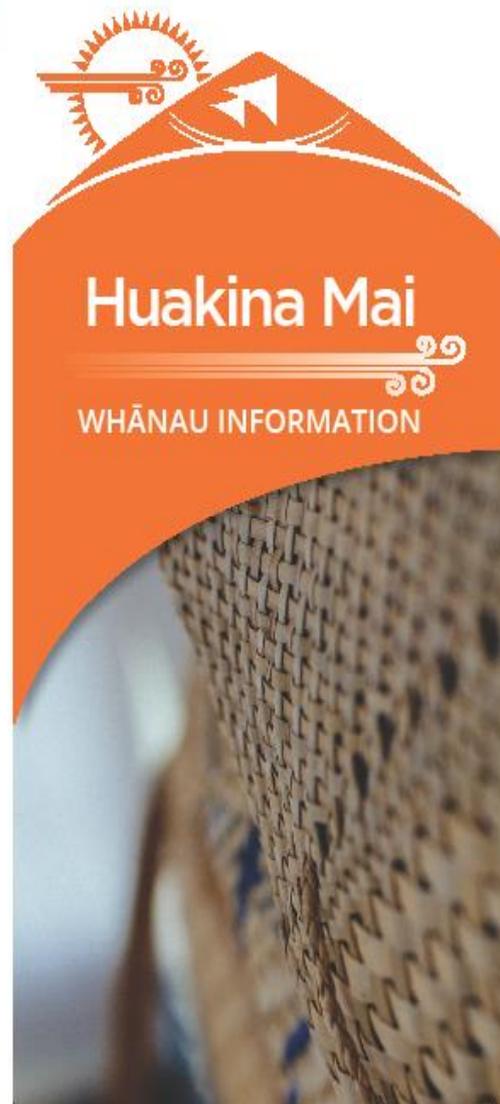
Huakina Mai provides:

- the services of a kaiārahi
- teacher professional development
- a responsive, school-by-school approach – not a one size fits all.
- 2 years of support
- support with monitoring effectiveness through action research and teacher inquiry



There are seven key principles that have informed the development of Huakina Mai, these are:

- 1** Whānau are central Māori student success in school; successful behaviour support for Māori students needs to be driven by the community (of which the school is a part) and be supported by whānau. Building positive and respectful relationships between all stakeholders is fundamental to successful teaching and learning in schools.
- 2** Te reo Māori is crucial to enabling Māori potential; the development of identity, culturally responsive pedagogy and cultural revival within schools is able to be significantly enhanced through te reo Māori. School leaders must proactively advocate, promote and ensure that a comprehensive te reo Māori programme is implemented with passion and integrity in the school that they lead.
- 3** Interactions with students should be mana enhancing; mana (prestige; dignity; status) is pivotal to positive relational and social development. Huakina Mai insists that all interactions should uplift and enhance the mana of ākonga Māori, and their whānau.
- 4** Behaviour is a social interaction that takes place within a specific environment; behavioural interactions should be viewed as a video (part of a bigger and on-going picture) rather than a snapshot (a static disconnected standalone event). Behaviour should not be isolated, and/or used as a label for an individual. Rather, behaviour needs to be understood as part of the whole person within a wider context.
- 5** Teachers are champions and agents of change; through culturally responsive pedagogy and strong relationships, teachers are able to successfully mediate positive behaviour.
- 6** Ways of behaviour are often normalised through dominant perspectives; appropriate behaviour for Māori students is likely to ensue when tikanga (culturally congruent protocols and rituals) is incorporated, embedded and normalised within school wide and classroom practices. 'Normalising' practice that is reflective of tikanga enables Māori students to feel more aligned to and included in the school.
- 7** Huakina Mai is culturally and contextually compatible; Huakina Mai is designed to 'fit' within and be reflective of communities by being adaptable according to a particular community and cultural context (iwi/tikanga).



Community Notices

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

Amplify Music Lessons

Available for Year 5 – Year 13 student's weekly individual or group lessons afterschool Monday – Friday. No experience required. Online enrolments <http://amplify.mymusicstaff.com/Enrolments>

Youth Alive Weekly Clubs

Spaces available for all YAT clubs, including Basketball Coaching, Boys & Girls Clubs, Rock Solid, Surge and Girls Craft Club. All Term 4 Clubs start in Week 2 of the term. Spaces also available for our daily Senior Oscar, with free pick ups from all New Brighton schools (Years 5 – 8 only). More info at: www.yat.org.nz or call 3881001.

Brainwave Trust Seminar – Adolescents (attached jpg) – Thursday 9th Nov 7pm

Parents of tweens and teens are invited to this informative, entertaining presentation to gain an understanding on brain changes and hence the behaviours we observe as a child transitions through adolescence to an adult. Hosted by Youth Alive Trust in New Brighton.

Register Now for your FREE Ticket at: www.brainwave.org.nz/register

Parenting and stress

Find out how to look after yourself and your children's wellbeing when life is busy, or times are tough
Fri 3rd Nov - 7pm St Peter's Parish Centre 11 Fisher Ave, Beckenham

Emotions, outbursts and differences

If you have a child with ADHD, Autism, dyspraxia, Asperger's or high levels of anger and anxiety, get tips to help them feel good and be at their best. Mon 6th Nov - 7pm St Peter's Parish Centre 11 Fisher Ave, Beckenham

Blended families

Why is this not working out like The Sound of Music? How to support yourself, your partner, your children and their children Mon 13th Nov - 7pm St Peter's Parish Centre 11 Fisher Ave, Beckenham

These seminars are free, but to book your spot (just for numbers) email Anna: annamowat@xtra.co.nz or phone 021 712 173

To register use the following link: <http://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/54020>

Diva Rhythmic Gymnastics

Rhythmic Gymnastics is a combination of ballet, dance and gymnastics that uses handheld apparatus like the ribbon, hoop, clubs and ball.

It is great for confidence, strength and flexibility. We emphasis fun and fitness it is fantastic for developing co_ordination. We have classes for girls ages 4 and above for recreational and competitive classes.

We run classes for nationals levels 1-10, group pre-international, junior and senior international grades where gymnasts can compete for club, Canterbury and New Zealand teams. There is a high level of coaching available to all, I am the head coach and teach all levels from recreational through to world cup rep senior international.

So if you are looking for fun, friends and fitness or a shot at top level gymnastics Diva RG is the place to attend.

We are based at The NZ Institute of Sport building in the main gymnasium at 66b Wharenui Road, Riccarton. Please contact Bianca for more information at divargc@gmail.com or call/text 027 521 7220.

We currently have spaces in recreational, pre-comp classes, group and competition grades, both national and international.