



The shortest day is upon us, and how depressing was it to read this week that there had only been 13 hours and 48 minutes of sunshine in June – that's less than an hour a day! Fingers crossed for some decent frosts and sunshine as the days start to get longer again.

Next week we welcome **Kim Allen** who starts as our new School Secretary and Principal's Personal Assistant. Please make sure that when you are next in school you pop into the office and introduce yourself to Kim.

Learning Celebration Thursday July 5th

Our Learning Celebration this term coincides with Matariki therefore we are combining both occasions. This term each studio has been looking at the concept of Cultural Identity through the lens of the Social Studies Curriculum.

Matariki is the Māori name for the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades. It rises in mid-winter and for many Māori it heralds the start of a new year. Matariki literally means the 'eyes of god' (mata ariki) or 'little eyes' (mata riki). Some people think of Matariki as a mother star with six daughters, and it is often referred to as the Seven Sisters. Others think that Matariki are the 'eyes of the god'. When Ranginui, the sky father, and Papatūānuku, the earth mother, were separated by their children, the god of the winds, Tāwhirimātea was so angry that he threw his eyes into the heavens.

Matariki appears in the eastern sky sometime around the shortest day of the year and is thought to determine how successful the harvest crop will be in the coming season. The brighter the stars, the more productive the crop will be. This year June 15th was the start of Matariki and July 6-9th marks the rising, which is when you can see Matariki just above the horizon before the sun comes up. Let's hope the stars are nice and bright this year!

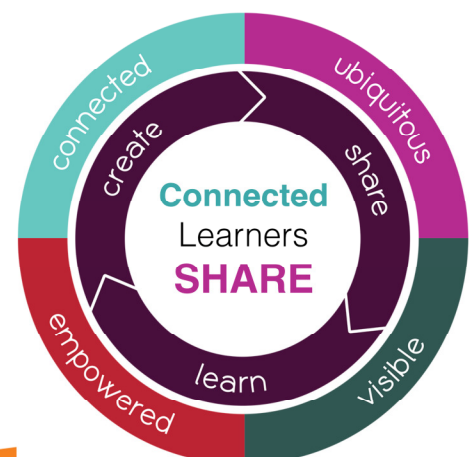
Please do join us on July 5th from 5.30 - 7.00pm to celebrating both Matariki **and** all of the learning that has been happening across the term. Journey through each studio to experience the many different aspects of the celebration and collect all seven stars of Matariki for a chance to win 1 of 10 prizes. Do remember to return your hangi order forms by this Friday June 22nd. The cost is \$10 per person and can be picked up on the night between 5.20 - 5.30pm.

Learn, Create, Share at Rāwhiti

Learn, Create, Share is in full swing at Rāwhiti School. Since the beginning of 2018 our Year 4-6 students have been involved in the Manaiaikalani Outreach Programme and the learning pedagogy of Learn, Create, Share.

What is Learn, Create, Share?

- **Learn** - learners learn about a particular topic
- **Create** - create interesting products to show their learning,
- **Share** - share these products using a variety of methods. eg Individual Blogs



Students are working with Mark Maddren, a Manaiakalani Outreach Facilitator who visits every Wednesday to work in Tane Mahuta, Tawhirimatea, and Ata Hapara. Students are learning how to look after and use our new Chrome Books, along with tools and tips to get the most out of them. Mark is sharing with them ways to be creative on their Chromebooks e.g. making animations and blog profiles.

Mark is providing professional development to all of our staff as the Learn, Create, Share pedagogy will roll out across all year levels over the next 3 years. Each child in Years 4-6 now has their own individual blog and you will be able to subscribe to these blogs so you can be part of the learning that is shared.

Mana Ake – Stronger for Tomorrow

Mana Ake is a new service that provides early intervention for children in Years 1-8 and their families/whanau, to support their wellbeing. The Mana Ake service is provided by people with a range of skills including social workers, whanau ora kaimahi, counsellors and kaihaumanu. They will be available to support children and families both at school and at home, and they will be in our school regularly. The service will provide support for teachers, families and whānau when children are experiencing ongoing issues that are impacting their wellbeing. The Mana Ake service can support individual children, groups of children and provide information and workshops for parents.

We are delighted that our school will benefit from access to this service from the beginning of Term 3 and look forward to giving you more information on how to access this free service.

Take Care Outside Our Gates

I am regularly fielding concerns about driver behaviour outside our school gates, especially on wet days and I have mentioned parking issues numerous times in previous newsletters. It is frustrating to be constantly giving reminders to obey the law, our rules and to just be old fashioned courteous. Some of you are putting our tamariki at serious risk and others are being rude to those that are braving the weather for your child's safety.

Please DON'T:

- Use the staff carpark for drop off and collection and be offended if we ask you to move; Park on the yellow broken lines;
- Park in a designated disability parking space if you do not have a valid permit;
- Park across the neighbours driveways;
- Use the speed hump as a pedestrian crossing.
- Integrity is one of our school values and I'm sure our Rāwhiti community can do better than this.
- Please accept that on wet days not everyone can park directly outside the school gate. We are very grateful to those of you who park slightly further away and ensure that your children are prepared with raincoats.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Liz Weir

What's Coming Up - He aha kei tua

June

21 st	Court Theatre Performance – He Kura Kōrero
22 nd	Hangi Orders Due
26 th	Cultural Festival Tickets Due
27 th	Scholastic Book Orders Due
25 th – 27 th	Year 5 Hanmer Springs Camp
27 th – 29 th	Year 6 Hanmer Springs Camp
26 th	Early Closing for Teachers NZEI Meeting
29 th	Year 1-3 Assembly

July

2 nd	Dancing With The Stars Isaac Royal Theatre
4 th	BOT Meeting 5.30pm
5 th	Matariki Celebration – Hangi
6 th	Whole School Assembly
	Parents Pop-In session after assembly
	End of Term 2
23 rd	Term 3 Starts



Principals Awards - Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki

Rongo Ma Tane: Deacon x 2, Hugo, JT x 2, Harlem x 2, Denholm, Jacob C, Hosea, Maeve x 4, Meah, Pax, Archer x 3, Anameka, Will, Niya x 3, Caleb H, Mason, Tyson, George W, Zara W x 2,
Braxton x 2, Caleb S, Paige T, Luka LF, Sonny, Ollie, Oskar x 2, Emilie, Stella, George B, Harley, Rocky

Papatuanuku: Cooper, Riley H

Tane Mahuta: Cadence

School Notices – Ngā pānui a te kura

Early Closing Reminder

A reminder that the NZEI (Primary teachers union) will be holding a second paid union meeting on the afternoon of **Tuesday 26 June**. **We will once again be asking parents to please collect children at 12.15pm**. We apologise for the inconvenience this might cause to families but hope you can appreciate that this is an important time for teachers across the country as they negotiate their new collective agreements and try and address some of the issues that are currently impacting on our education system. Thank you for your support. **If you are not able to make an alternative arrangement for your child/ren then please notify the school office as soon as possible** admin@rawhiti.school.nz Non-teaching staff and I will remain on site for the afternoon and can provide supervision for these children.

Success@Rawhiti

You are welcome to email us at success@rawhiti.school.nz with news of something your child has achieved outside of school, and we will celebrate this with our whole community by including it in our fortnightly newsletter.



Lily and Aimee competed in the Canterbury Primary Schools Bronze Gymnastic competition yesterday at Christchurch School of Gymnastics. Lily was placed 2nd in the bars and 17th overall. Aimee placed 21st. There were 65 competitors in the competition.

Cooper raced his race dirt bike in an event series of four rounds in Darfield. He placed a 4th overall of 24 kids aged 6-8 years on a 50cc bike. He did very well for his first year in this fast, competitive class.

In January, Charlotte (Tane Mahuta) was chosen and attended the women's Gymnastics elite training camp for Gymnastics New Zealand.

Charlotte's selection was based on her performance last year at Nationals where she placed 7th overall in New Zealand at step 6 and qualified for the second day competition. Only 35 gymnasts from the whole of New Zealand at Steps 6/7/8 combined were selected. The future goal for this squad is to represent New Zealand internationally, including the Commonwealth Games in 2022 and at the Olympics in 2024.



Learning Conversations - Booking Code

Learning Conversations will be held as follows:

Year 7 - 8	Monday 30 th July	3.30pm – 7.30pm
	Tuesday 31 st July	3.30pm – 7.30pm
Year 4 – 6	Wednesday 1 st August	3.30pm – 7.30pm
	Thursday 2 nd August	3.30pm – 5.00pm

To make a booking please go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?code=8md75>. We encourage you to make your bookings as soon as possible so you can book the times that work best for you and your family.

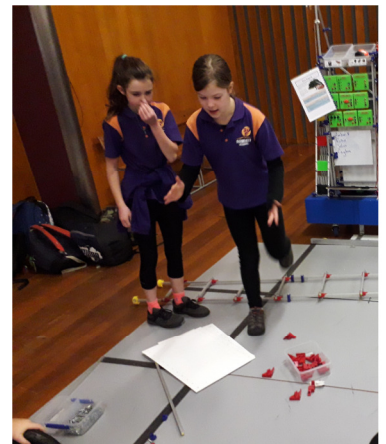
Skateboard Storage Racks

Our new skateboard storage racks are installed and look great. We ask students to bring locks suitable for attaching to their skateboard and the new racks. All skateboards will now be kept in this area and not in the classroom.



Epro8 Challenge

Last week a group of Year 5/6 and Year 7/8 students participated in the Epro8 challenge at Linwood College. Teams compete to build large sized structures, solve practical problems, engineer using pulleys, motors, gears, wheels and axles, invent machines that can complete simple tasks, undertake unusual and fun experiments, construct basic electronic circuits and solve interesting problems using practical maths. Teams choose which challenges they wish to undertake. The harder the challenge, the more points it is worth. There is not enough time to finish all the challenges - so strategy is required to know which ones to go for. Teams from all over Canterbury competed – we are very proud of the students who represented our school.



Lost Items

Please make sure ALL items of uniform and clothing, including shoes are named. We suggest in multiple places as we are aware of incidents where the tags have been cut off and uniform renamed.

If your child brings home clothing that does not belong to your child, we would appreciate it being returned to school the next day so we can return it to its rightful owner. There are a number of items in Lost Property boxes in each of our studios.

Accounts

We appreciate your support in paying for your child's activities.

PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE A NEW BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER 12 -3240- 0211804 - 01.

Cultural Festival 5th September 12.30pm – 2.30pm.

Cultural Festival tickets need to be ordered through school by Monday 25th June. Payment is \$17.00 per adult and \$8.00 per child. If your Rāwhiti School child would like to attend the matinee please complete the form below and include your \$8.00. Rāwhiti Students will be transported to the festival by bus. Payment is required in full to confirm their ticket.

Name: Parent Name: _____ adults @ \$17.00 per person \$_____

Number of children: Rāwhiti Student(s) Name: _____ @ \$8.00 per student

Rāwhiti Student(s) Name: _____ @ \$8.00 per student

Non Rāwhiti Student(s) _____ @ \$8.00 per student

Court Theatre

Today our Year 1 – 6 students enjoyed from the Court Theater. The cost is \$5.00 per student. We appreciate your support in paying for your child's school activities.

Investigating Wedges By Craig and Charlie

We made some wedges. First when we made our wedges they were dry because we didn't add any flavour and we cooked them for too long. Then we asked the kids in the studio what flavour wedges they wanted. They wanted crispy wedges. We drew a bar graph to see what flavour was the most popular. Then we figured out that we had to use 9 potatoes and cut them in to ten wedges each. We made the crispy wedges, they were so good and everyone in the studio loved them. Jane made them for the kids that were not here when we made them. Georgina said "the wedges were lovely and not to spicy, just the way I like them". Would you like to try our recipe? It is just below.

How to make potato wedges

Ingredients:

1 kilogram Potatoes
2 tablespoons cooking oil
1 tablespoon garlic granules
1 teaspoon paprika
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon oregano
½ teaspoon basil
Baking paper



1. Turn on the oven to 220 c.
2. Put the baking sheet on the oven tray.
3. Cut the potatoes into ten wedges .
4. Put the salt on the potatoes .
5. Add garlic on the potatoes.
6. Squeeze the oil on .
7. Add paprika and basil and oregano.
8. Put the potatoes in the tray .
9. Put the potatoes in the oven for 30 mins

Rawhiti Matariki Celebration Night

Kia Ora Ngā Whānau o Te Kura Tuatahi o Rāwhiti,

On Thursday the 5th of July, Rāwhiti School will be selling pre-ordered Hangi as part of our learning celebration for the term which has a strong focus around our identity as New Zealanders and around Matariki and celebrating the Māori New Year. The hangi will be available to pick up on the night between 5:20-5:30. There will be a whanau kai in all learning studios to kick off the evening from 5:30-6pm.

The following items will be included in the hangi:

- Pumpkin
- Cabbage
- Potato
- Chicken
- Chop
- Stuffing

The hangi can be ordered at the office for \$10 per person. The last day for money to be paid for the hangi is on Friday 22nd June. (Internet banking is available – 12 3240 0211804 01)

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We / I _____ please have ____ hangi ordered for the Matariki / Learning Celebration on Thursday 5th July.











I have enclosed \$ ____ to cover and pay for this order.

Ngā Mihi

Jasmine Stirling, Lauren Yaxley, Kylie O'Keeffe, Clowance Nolan.

Rāwhiti School Recommended Communication Procedure for Parents

In our experience, when parents have a concern that relates to their child at school, whether it's pastoral, curriculum or staffing in nature, many of these concerns can often be most quickly resolved by talking first to the most appropriate person. This flowchart outlines who the most appropriate person will be.

Learning Concerns	Pastoral Concerns	Concern relating to particular learning or physical needs.	Issues relating to staff	Concerns & Queries relating to school school accounts and finances
				
Please raise your concern with your child's Kaiawhina in the first instance. 	Please raise your concern with your child's Kaiawhina in the first instance. 	Please raise your concern with your child's Kaiawhina in the first instance. 	Please contact Jan Brennan our Office Administrator who will forward your concern to the most appropriate person.	Please speak to Cheryl Nuthall our Executive Officer.
If the Kaiawhina is unable to help please contact the Team Leader. 		If the Kaiawhina is unable to help please arrange an appointment with Lauren McDonnell, our Learning Support Coordinator.		
If the Team Leader is unable to help please contact our Deputy Principals - Paul Wilkinson or Helen Parata. 				
Please make an appointment to see Liz Weir, the Principal, if Paul or Helen are unable to help. Appointments can be made by contacting Jan Brennan in the school office, ph 3889519 or email admin@rawhiti.school.nz				
Teachers are available in the Learning Studios between 8.30 and 9am and after school between 3pm – 3:30pm for informal conversations. Please note that Tuesday is Staff Meeting day and teachers will be in meetings from 3.20pm. If you wish to have a more formal meeting with a teacher please make an appointment by emailing the teacher directly. Email addresses can be found on our school website.				

Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori

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

Skellerup Marching Team Under 12

Queenspark School every Wednesday 4.30 – 6.30pm. Contact Xanthe 0273040804 or Pagen 0273232129.

Family Movie Night



Amplify – Kidsfest July School Holidays

This coming winter holidays, Amplify is offering you the chance to learn TWO Instruments in groups of up to 4 people, without having to commit to ongoing or extra lessons. This is perfect for anyone wanting to dip their toes in the music scene or try out a different instrument.

- Bookings are \$25 for 1 hour (30mins per instrument with a short break in-between).
- Sessions from 9am-5pm, Mon 16th - Fri 20th July 2018.
- Choose from Guitar, Drums and Piano
- For ages 6+ (High School students welcome too)
- Learn beginner and introductory skills and techniques
- Open to all newbies or existing Amplify students

Official KidsFest Website: <http://www.kidsfest.co.nz/event/have-a-go-music-lessons/>

Online Registrations: <https://amplify.mymusicstaff.com/KidsFest>

Get ready for flu season – protect your whānau and community

Colder weather also brings along a nasty passenger – the flu.

As you may have seen in the media, it's been a terrible flu season in the Northern Hemisphere, which is a possible predictor for what we may see here.

Influenza infection rates are generally highest in children and healthy children are the major cause of the spread of the virus in the community. Around 80 percent of people infected show no or minimal symptoms so you can spread the flu bug without knowing you have it – and the elderly, pregnant women and people with chronic health conditions are particularly vulnerable.

Canterbury District Health Board is urging you to protect your whānau and the wider community by getting your flu shot as soon as possible. This year's vaccines have been specially formulated for New Zealand and are expected to offer protection against the strain that was circulating in the Northern Hemisphere.

While flu shots are free for under 18s, they're available for anyone for a fee from a doctor, nurse or some pharmacists. You or your whānau may qualify for a free shot as well – check out www.flufree.co.nz for more info and flu facts.



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