

**Newsletter 08 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 7 June 2018**

**From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki**

**Talofa Lava Outou**

Winter sport got underway last Friday and the winter weather arrived at the same time. Our school uniform does include the option of wearing a thermal top under the polo shirt in winter. This must be either black or white, and not a multi-coloured striped option.

It was a delight to share an evening meal last week with families from our Pasifika community, as we celebrated Samoan Language Week. Families had cooked up some treats during the day and we all enjoyed the Sapasui, Faiai Eleni, Pani Popo and Koko Samoa. Thanks has to go to Anna-Belle Graham (Tangaroa) for setting up our Pasifika student group, and for all the work she is doing to help us as a school grow our understanding of the various Pasifika cultures. We are very excited about having our Pasifika performance group taking part in the Christchurch Cultural Festival in Term 3.



**Term 2 Matariki Learning Celebration July 5<sup>th</sup>**

This term each studio has been looking at the concept of Identity through the lens of the Social Studies Curriculum. Please join us on July 5th from 5.30 - 7.00pm to celebrating Matariki - the Māori New Year and all of the learning that has been happening across the term. There will be an opportunity to share kai including a hangi before you begin exploring our learning around the school. 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.

Hangi order forms will be sent home on Friday 8th June with a cost of \$10 per person. Please return these promptly so we are able to cater accordingly. We look forward to sharing this celebration of our learning with you!

## Cancer Society Mufti Day

Our recent mufti day to support the Scooter Safari Fundraiser for the Cancer Society raised \$624.00. We know that a number of Rāwhiti families were once again involved in this event and we are proud to have been able to support their efforts. We hear they had a mixed bag of weather – a cold early start in Christchurch, hot in Sheffield, windy up Porters Pass and Lake Lyndon, rain in Arthurs Pass, heavy rain in Kumara, and dark, cloudy and ready to rain at the finish line in Hokitika. Over \$1.1 million has been raised through these events over the past 9 years. Thank you all for your empathy in donating funds to this worthy cause.



## School Reward Mufti Day

Last Tuesday we held the ‘Teachers Wear Uniform’ mufti day that was the clear winner in the first round of our new playground reward system. The children certainly seemed amused that we were able to squeeze ourselves into a variety of school uniforms – from Rāwhiti and, in some cases, from teachers own school days! Children earn tokens for displaying our RISE values (Resilience, Integrity, Success, and Empathy) during the play breaks. They then use their token to vote for the reward that most appeals to them. All the rewards on offer come from student suggestions. Everyone can track what progress their preferred idea is making. In this round the three options are a free sausage sizzle (second place getter last time), a disco dance party, or a Bring Your Toys to School Day.

## Staff News

Two of our teaching staff, Lauren Yaxley (Ata Hapara) and Sharon Thompson (Tangaroa) have won places on a new professional learning course and will be studying full time in Term 3. This course offers a unique opportunity for teachers to upskill in Mātauraka Ngāi Tahu and extend their Te Reo Māori proficiency for use in our kura. In their absence Caroline Briggs will be teaching in Ata Hapara and Talei Cordes will join the Year 7/8 team for the term.

## Parking Reminder

Our car park is for staff parking and mobility parking only. While we understand that this cold weather makes it very tempting to use the car park for drop off and pick up, we once again ask that you show respect for the safety of all of our children and do not use the staff car park for your own parking. Please do not be offended if you are asked to move your vehicle out of the staff car park.

## 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 you child/ren then please notify the school office as soon as possible [admin@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:admin@rawhiti.school.nz) Non-teaching staff and I will remain on site for the afternoon and can provide supervision for these children.

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

## ***What's Coming Up - He aha kei tua***

### **June**

- 7<sup>th</sup> Papatuanuku Whanau Hui
- 8<sup>th</sup> Winter Sport Year 5 – 8
- 13<sup>th</sup> Getting Ready for Rāwhiti Party  
Tāne Mahuta Whanau Hui  
Tāwhirimatea Whanau Hui
- 14<sup>th</sup> EPro3 Challenge  
Year 1 – 4 Cross Country starting 1.30pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> Year 4-6 Assembly  
Winter Sport
- 20<sup>th</sup> Canterbury Cross Country  
Tangaroa Whanau Hui
- 21<sup>st</sup> Court Theatre Performance – He Kura Kōrero
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Winter Sport
- 26<sup>th</sup> Early Closing for Teachers NZEI Meeting
- 29<sup>th</sup> Year 1-3 Assembly



### ***Principals Awards - Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki***

- Rongo Ma Tane: Pippa, Stella x2 , Travis x3, Maia M x3, Zara x3, Evie x2, Hugo, Maeve x2 , Vinny, Tyson, Archer x2, Jasper x2 , Jessika, JT, Aleigha, Rieko, Joel, Rocky, Luca, George, Sonny, Leon, Ben
- Papatuanuku: Emma
- Haumia Tiketike: Lakyn, Xaria, Eva, Zyah, TK x 2, Mijiata x 2,

### ***School Notices - Ngā pānui a te kura***

#### **Success@Rawhiti**

You are welcome to email us at [success@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto: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.



In January, Charlotte (Tane Mahuta) was chosen and attended the women's Gymnastics elite training camp for Gymnastics New Zealand. The selection was based on her performance last year at Nationals where she placed 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

In the term 1/2 school holidays, Charlotte travelled to Auckland to the second camp. Charlotte trains hard and is very dedicated to her sport. She presently trains 20 hours a week (5 days) and loves every minute of it.

#### **Advance notice for Learning Conversations**

Year 1 – 3 students, who require an anniversary learning conversation, will be individually invited to make a booking. These conversations will be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> July.

Year 4 – 8 Learning Conversations will be held between 30<sup>th</sup> July and 17<sup>th</sup> August. The next newsletter will have the dates, booking codes and log-in details for your child's studio,

## QEII

Last week our Year 7 & 8 students were invited to try out the new QEII pool before it opened to the public. They had a fabulous time and loved the new hydroslide. On Sunday some of our students featured on What Now as they tried out the new facilities. Meg and Lucy share their experience.

We went, along with 10 others to QEII. The main reason was to be on What Now and to be hydroslide testers and some of the first kids to go in the pool. We met April (one of the lifeguards) and she gave us a behind the scenes tour. Then we spent about 45 minutes filming in the pool area.

We were the first ones on it. We walked up the stairs with the camera man behind us and went down the slide. We had to go down a second time so we could be filmed at the bottom. It was quite scary going down the first time because it was pitch black. We spent half an hour in the pool, played around with the floaties and got to go on the hydroslide a few more times. QEII has a toddler's area and a lazy river. The big pool has a part where the floor moves up and down. When we came back to school we ate our lunch - we were really hungry. The film crew filmed Meg at the amphitheater and then we were all filmed at the new playground. It was a really fun day and we were proud to be chosen and to get out of our comfort zones.



## Junior CROSS COUNTRY (Year 1-3) Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2.15pm – 3.00pm

The Year 0-3 children will be participating in a Junior Cross Country.

Starting with Year 1, followed by Year 2 and then finally Year 3.

The children will begin at the start line on the back field behind the hall.

Parents are welcome to come along for a fun afternoon.

## Winter Sport



Winter Sport for Year 5 – 8 started on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June. It was a great start for our Rāwhiti Teams with wins to all of the bowls teams, a win to Rāwhiti Rams Hockey team, Rāwhiti Orange Year 5 & 6 netball team, Rāwhiti A rugby had a huge win of 50 nil and the Year 5 & 6 Rāwhiti Orange tennis table team also had a win.

Winter Sport is \$40.00 per player. We appreciate your support in paying for this as soon as possible.



You can check out the weekly draw and results by going to:

[www.easterncommunity.co.nz/programme/rcsi-sport-cluster/](http://www.easterncommunity.co.nz/programme/rcsi-sport-cluster/)

## 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.**

## Year 5 – 6 Camp – Hanmer Springs June 2018

You will have received a newsletter home about the Year 5-6 Camp at Hanmer Springs in June. The cost is \$150.00. **Full payment will be required by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June.** For budgeting purposes you may wish to start making regular weekly or fortnightly payments. If you choose this option please put your child/ren's as a reference. If you have any concerns regarding payment please contact Cheryl as soon as possible.

## PTA News 2018

### Quiz Night – Saturday June 30th

We have two events this year that we're organising. The first is an adults' only 'Quiz Night PLUS' in the school hall on Saturday 30 June at 7.30pm. There will be a cash bar on hand and supper will be provided. This is going to be a great night, with not your usual boring or brainy quiz questions but also musical bingo and other fun and games. Do put this in your diary and start getting your team together now. Tickets will be \$10 per person with teams of up to 6 players. Prizes awarded for many things including (for those who dare) 'Best Themed Team Costumes'! If you want to secure your team now please text Steph on 021-136-5391 or email [pta@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:pta@rawhiti.school.nz)

## On-Line Lunch Orders

You can now order Subway for your child's on-line lunch orders.

Go to [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz) or phone 0800 LOL LO (0800 565565)

Tuesday - Pure Sushi

Wednesday - Pita Pit

Thursday - Subway



## School Fair – Friday November 30<sup>th</sup>

As you may have heard the school is going to be holding its first ever Twilight Fair on Friday November 30 just in time for Christmas! This will be a good old-fashioned school fair with many, many games and activities and things to buy. All the Studios are going to be working hard near the end of the year preparing things for the Fair and the PTA will be busy too, organising hot food to sell. Have you got

some good ideas for the Fair or some yummy recipes? Do let us know by texting Bex on 022-099-2711 or email [pta@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:pta@rawhiti.school.nz).

We will be needing lots and lots of prizes, especially for the Fair. If you can put us in touch with any business who might be able to support us with either goods, services, vouchers or even just a small donation we would be very happy to hear from you. We have a Facebook page for our events which is [facebook.com/RawhitiPTAEvents/](https://facebook.com/RawhitiPTAEvents/) or you can email [pta@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:pta@rawhiti.school.nz).

### Manly Sea Eagles

On Tuesday we were lucky to have Tom, Curtis and Toafofoa from the Manly Sea Eagles Rugby League team come for a visit. We were very excited to meet them and hear some of their tips for succeeding no matter what.



### 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.)

### Entertainment Book – Youth Alive Trust

Youth Alive Trust are selling Entertainment Books to help raise funds for our young people and their families to go on camps together! Entertainment books can be purchased from Grace Vineyard Beach Campus, 111 Seaview Road during business hours and on Sunday mornings. Please take advantage of the digital version also, which is perfect when you are out and about. The link is <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/13688e6>.

### My School Rules Competition – The Palms

Last week we sent home information about the My School Rules Competition that starts on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Keep an eye on the competition leader board at [www.myschoolrules.co.nz](http://www.myschoolrules.co.nz). (This website will be live on Tuesday 12th June)

**CASPA** After School & Holiday Programme

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