

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

I regularly experience what I refer to as 'Proud Principal' moments. One was on Monday night as I sat in the audience at "Dancing Like The Stars" in the Isaac Theatre Royal and watched our Year 4-6 dancers take to the stage. They were incredible – and not just as dancers. They were great spectators as well, enthusiastically acknowledging the achievements of the other schools performing on the night. You could also see how proud they were when their dance instructor, Donna, performed.

I also spent time on camp last week with the Year 6 children at Hanmer Springs and was so proud of the way they handled the challenges that camp presented them with. I want to say a huge thank you to the parent helpers on last weeks Year 5 and 6 camps. We could not offer these sorts of opportunities without the support of parents who are able to take time away from work and family commitments.

Many thanks also for collecting your children early last Tuesday afternoon to allow our teachers to attend the second NZEI meeting. We understand that any change to school hours creates an inconvenience and we very much appreciate your support on this occasion.

A final thank you has to go to the PTA for their "Not Your Average Quiz Night" event on Saturday night. It was a fabulous night out and was well supported by our community. All proceeds are going towards a new climbing structure for the playground which should be in place before the end of the year. Our PTA can certainly raise money!

### **Staffing Update**

Last week we welcomed Kim Allen to the Rāwhiti team as our new School Secretary and Principal's PA. Many of you will already have met or spoken with Kim. She is here everyday until 3.45pm – so please do take the time to come in and say hello next time you are at school. I would also like to acknowledge both Jude and Cheryl who have been running the office for us since March, as well as carrying out their other responsibilities. We now have a complete admin team of highly skilled, friendly and approachable people.

This week we say farewell to Rachel McLaughlin from Rongo Ma Tane. Rachel is looking forward to spending more time with her family while working fewer hours at the New Beginnings Preschool. We have enjoyed having her as part of Rongo Ma Tane and wish her all the best in her new job. We are absolutely delighted that Janice Beckett will be back with us teaching New Entrants/Year 1 until the end of the year. Janice describes herself as being a bit of a boomerang – this is her third time back at Rāwhiti, so she is well known to many of the children.



Snow was low but the camp activities still continued



Kim with her husband, Arnie, and children, Maraea and Elvis, after a small welcome from Ata Hapara



## Toy Day Reward

The children have earned their second collective reward for the term with Bring Your Own Toy day proving to be more popular than a free sausage sizzle or a Disco Dance Party. Toy Day will be on Friday of this week – and the details for the day can be found further on in this newsletter.

## Canine Educators

A Canine Educator programme is set to become an integral, unique and very popular aspect of our school community. We currently have 3 dogs (owned by staff) that have completed their Canine Educator training and are set to start 'work' next term. Each dog has demonstrated competence in obedience and temperament by a professional dog obedience expert. Research shows that there are many benefits to children from having dogs in classrooms. Children will be given the opportunity to develop skills in dog safety, taking responsibility for a pet and developing empathy and sensitivity to the needs of others. We look forward to introducing the Canine Educators team to you at the beginning of next term.



## Matariki Celebrations

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Matariki Learning Celebration and hangi this evening.

## From the BOT

The Board of Trustees has co-opted Cheryl Lineham as a parent representative on the board for the remainder of its current term. Cheryl has a 6 year old daughter at school, and is passionate about the changing landscape of education.

If you are interested in becoming involved at the governance level of our school please make contact with someone from the board of trustees and come along to one of our meetings.

## Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Liz Weir

## Principals Awards - Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki

Rongo Ma Tane: Lexi x2, Maeve x3, Ollie, James P, Nya, Evie, Lilly x2, Anika C x2, Paige, Meah, Faolan, Emilie x2, Pax, Oskar x2, Millah, Malachi, George B, Hunter x 4, Lincoln, Travis, Maia x2, Jasper, Eliza x2, Sonny x2, Harry x3, Teri J, JT x3, Riley, Luca, Hugo, Maniya, Layla, Stella M, Benji x2

Papatuanuku: Sam P, Izzy

Tane Mahuta: Summah, Bella-Rose J.



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

### **July**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Matariki Celebration: pre-ordered hangi can be collected approx. 5.20pm from your child's studio
- 6<sup>th</sup> Whole School Assembly ("Dancing Like The Stars", New Junior Band, Choir, Individual Singers)  
Parents Pop-In session after assembly  
"Bring A Toy To School" Day  
End of Term 2
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Term 3 Starts
- 30<sup>th</sup> Year 7 - 8 Learning Conversations
- 31<sup>st</sup> Year 7 - 8 Learning Conversations  
The Ned Show 1.00pm – 2.15pm

### **August**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Year 4 – 6 Learning Conversations
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year 4 – 6 Learning Conversations



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

### **Bring A Toy To School Day – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

Children are welcome to bring in toys to share and play with their friends at break times tomorrow (Friday). There may be some time during class to also play with these (at each studio's discretion).

Please ensure all toys are named and that children are encouraged to be responsible for their belongings.

Please do not send along expensive toys, electronic devices, or particularly special items, as the school takes no responsibility for loss or damage of any personal property.

We will set up an area on the back field for Nerf Guns and other similar toys eg light sabres, swords. This will be the only place where these will be allowed.

### **The Ned Show – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July**

The NED Show is a character education programme that centres around three important messages that have lifelong relevance: "Never give up", "Encourage others" and "Do your best". During the assembly, students will learn about the importance of these three life skills while also enjoying storytelling, magic, humour and yo-yo tricks. You can access a range of parent materials at:

<http://www.thenedshow.co.nz/parents.html>

Following the show, yo-yos will be available for purchase. More information about this will come out next term.

### **Updates from Rāwhiti School Library... Did you know?**

You can access our library catalogue (Web APP) at:

<http://library.rawhiti.school.nz>

By logging in, your child/children can see what books they have on loan, search the library and reserve books...

If you have a child or children at Rāwhiti School and have lost this information fill in this form: <https://goo.gl/KdJ3gn>



## Rāwhiti School's eBook Library (Wheelers ePlatform):

Want to keep children reading over the holidays? Why not access our ePlatform!

Children can access 1,500 eBooks on our Wheelers ePlatform. These books will display when searching for books on the Web OPAC or you can go to the direct link: <https://rawhitischool.wheelers.co/>

eBooks can be issued for two weeks and there is a limit of two eBooks per user. Students will need to use their library number and password to login to download eBooks.

If you have a device you can download the Wheelers ePlatform app!

Download ePlatform App - <https://goo.gl/SlC6ft>

Any questions please contact Elizabeth Kazmierczak, email [elizabeth@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:elizabeth@rawhiti.school.nz)

Download the ePlatform App



## Learning Conversations - Booking Code

Learning Conversations will be held as follows:

Year 7 - 8	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	3.30pm – 7.30pm
	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> July	3.30pm – 7.30pm
	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	3.30pm – 5.00pm
	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	3.30pm – 7.30pm
Year 4 – 6	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	3.30pm – 7.30pm
	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	3.30pm – 5.00pm
	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	3.00pm – 7.00pm
	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	3.00pm – 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.

## Poem – Written by Kieran Langley (Tangaroa)

### Living in Hope

They saw the chance of riches  
Living in gumfield ditches  
Life is rough but he is super tough  
Living in hope of a fortune

A house of the smallest tent  
Digging with a very bad scent  
Praying for gum, missing the rum  
Living in hope of a fortune

Hacking at dirt with a spade  
Shaving with nothing but blade  
A family, no jobs, need gum globs  
Living in hope of a fortune

He is starting to get old  
Soon he will start to go cold  
Dispirited, sad, broken, mad  
Dying in hope of a fortune



## Dancing Like the Stars

On Monday night, a group of Year 5/6 students performed at the Isaac Theatre Royal as part of the "Dancing Like the Stars" programme. The group have been working with Donna Frost, from Latin Fire Dance Studio to perfect their Merengue dance routine. The group have practiced twice a week during Term 2.

We are so proud of how well our students performed and represented Rāwhiti. They will be performing their routine again for us in assembly this Friday.

"It was a great experience"

"Everybody had lots of fun"

"We were really lucky to be chosen to be part of the group performance"

"We had a cool costume"

"It is a really good idea to put the show on"

"Everyone should be so proud of themselves"

"Donna did great choreography for us"

"There were some difficult moves, but some moves were easy to pick up"



## 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.**

## Unwanted uniform

If anyone has any uniform that is no longer needed, please bring it to the school office and we can make it available to other families. Proceeds will be made to the PTA.

## Winter Sports

Each week our teams have been quite successful during the winter sports competition. 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/)

## Cross Country

A few of our students recently took part in the Canterbury Cross Country championships at the Halswell Quarry. It was very wet and muddy but our runners did Rāwhiti School proud. Well done!





## Disco – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August



### **BIG BIG THANK YOU FROM THE PTA!!!**

The PTA would like to thank everyone for their support of our first ever home-made quiz night and our first parents' event in the school hall. It was a really successful night and we're thrilled to announce that we made close to \$5000. An amazing result!

All of this money will be going towards a large rope climbing frame at the school, which will hopefully be in place before the end of the year. This is a joint purchase by the PTA and Board of Trustees to give our little monkeys even more chances to climb!

We would love to encourage you to support the businesses that supported us at our quiz night. To do this please visit [www.rawhitipta.org.nz/supporters](http://www.rawhitipta.org.nz/supporters).

We hope you all enjoy the holidays with your families and see you all next term.

### **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.

### ***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.)

#### **Drama Classes South Brighton**

Limited spaces are available for 5-7 year olds and 8-10 year olds.

Our drama classes combine a structured fun-filled social environment with extensive use of improvisation and role-play to develop positive feelings of self-worth and the ability to confidently express thoughts and feelings.

Our classes are intense, energetic and move at a fast pace. They are designed to generate enthusiasm and initiative through various games and skill based tasks.

We use costumes, props and musical instruments as tools; students love using all these resources to experiment and create their own stories.

For more information or to book a free trial lesson, please contact [info@canvasbag.nz](mailto:info@canvasbag.nz) or phone on 022 3512519.

## Badminton School Holiday Programme

Over the holidays Badminton Canterbury is running a school holiday programme which is open to anyone that wants to improve their skills. Children who may have only played badminton at school or those that play regularly are all welcome. There is a cost associated with this programme of \$15 per session or \$40 for all three.

We are also running a 'Have a go day' for any junior that wants to try out badminton - for a gold coin donation.

### School Holiday Programme

Whether you have tried badminton at school and keen play some more or if you train regularly, come along and have some fun, learn skills and improve your play

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 9am – 12pm**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 9am – 12pm**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 1pm – 4pm**

Held at Badminton Canterbury Hall

220 Pages Road, Christchurch

\$15 per day or \$40 for all 3

With Canterbury coach Scott Maclellan

Please register at [office@badmintoncanterbury.com](mailto:office@badmintoncanterbury.com)

With your name, DOB, contact number and email address

### Have a go day

For juniors who are keen to give badminton a try

No prior experience necessary

Gold coin entry

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018

1pm – 3pm

Canterbury Badminton

220 Pages Road, Christchurch

**All juniors welcome**

## Taekwon-Do

Taekwon-Do classes for 5-8 year old students available. Call/text Angela Oliver on 021842011 or email [info@pulsetkd.co.nz](mailto:info@pulsetkd.co.nz) to book your free trial as spaces are limited.

## Game of Three Halves

The All Blacks will play against Canterbury and Otago in a Game of Three Halves on Friday 10 August – in a South Island first. The popular event is used to prepare the All Blacks for the Investec Rugby Championship.



The All Blacks will play 40-minute matches against Canterbury and Otago, who will also play a 40-minute match against each other – a total of 120-minutes of entertainment. The matches are not being broadcast on TV, so the only opportunity fans will have to see the All Blacks play in the city this year will be live at AMI Stadium in Addington.

All three teams will meet with fans for autographs and photos after the final whistle blows.

**When:** Friday 10 August, 6.30pm

**Where:** AMI Stadium, Addington

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for children 16 or under (or free if 2 and under and sitting on a lap) and are available at: [www.ticketdirect.co.nz](http://www.ticketdirect.co.nz)



### **KidsFest - "Volleyball - give it a go"**

It's our first time taking part in KidsFest. Designed for beginners, no prior experience is needed, just a keen attitude and loads of enthusiasm! We are really excited to be delivering fun kiwivolley skills and games to this age group.

<https://www.canterburyvolleyball.org/kidsfest>

### **4th term KiwiVolley league**

We had a fabulous term 1 league and it was fantastic to see so many kids loving the sport and enjoying all that Kiwivolley has to offer.

With such great interest we have expanded and term 4 will see two leagues available - one at Wharenuui gym and one at Hillview School. The league will run from 4pm-6pm on Wednesdays and will consist of 1 hour of coaching from our Canterbury Volleyball Coaches and 1 hour of games. Both team and individual registrations are accepted.

More information will follow in term 3.

