



From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou

Thank you for your understanding yesterday when the Board of Trustees closed the school to allow our teaching staff to join colleagues across the country to pursue improved working conditions for themselves and for your children.

On Tuesday after school we hosted over 120 teachers from schools in our local Te Ara Tūhura cluster for a 'Toolkit' session. Toolkits are an opportunity for teachers to share aspects of their practice with other teachers and we had a number of Rāwhiti staff presenting on a wide variety of topics – from junior literacy programmes to Makey Makey, from STEM challenges to e-Asttle assessment. We even ran a session to help other teachers learn how to deliver their mihi in Te Reo Maori – something that all our teachers can do, but is not so common in other schools. The whole event was another reminder to me of the depth of skill and talent we have on our teaching staff. It was also another example of the variety of things that teachers do in a day – outside of the perceived working hours of 9am-3pm.

Playground Incentive

Earlier this week our children earned another collective reward for their use of the school values in the playground by filling up the token box. This time it was a movie afternoon that was the clear favourite. Today, they start working towards their next goal, with the three options on offer being playtime at Thompson Park, a PJ day, or a teachers vs students Dodge Ball game. All the options come from ideas suggested by children across the school. If you have any ideas for collective rewards then please share them with us.

Community Consultation: The future of Rāwhiti School

From the beginning of next week our Board of Trustees will be surveying our school community (whānau, students and staff) to ask about the direction of learning that we (as a community) believe will best support the children at Rāwhiti School. This will inform ongoing strategic planning for the Board of Trustees.

You will already be aware that over recent years there have been significant changes in education. The Ministry of Education have introduced many initiatives that are future focused, further enhancing the curriculum and ensuring that our learners are best prepared for their future. Schools are required to support children to participate, create, design and thrive, so that they are equipped to do the same in a future focused world.

Our Rāwhiti School vision is based on creating extraordinary futures for children. The Board are seeking feedback on our vision of 'Rising Above the Ordinary' to find out what being 'more than ordinary' means for you. We are asking all of our students to talk to the people at home about the skills, qualities and values that you think they will need in order to thrive in a future focused world. We are also keen to hear about your aspirations for Rāwhiti School.



Next week your child will bring home the survey and we hope this will start an exciting conversation about your child's future. We look forward to hearing what your whānau has to share. Please return this survey to your child's studio by Friday 21st September to make sure your child/ren and your family go into the draw for a number of incentive prizes.

If you would prefer to complete this survey online, there will be a link available to an online form.

Health and Safety

The Board of Trustees recently commissioned an external review of the schools current Health and Safety policies and procedures. The purpose of the audit was to ascertain the school's current compliance level in line with the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, the General Risk and Workplace Management Regulations 2016, and the approved Codes of Practice and Worksafe Guidelines.

I am very pleased to be able to report to you that we received a very positive review.

"The commitment shown by Rāwhiti School in relation to Health and Safety is to be commended. The school has been pro-active and innovative and should be complimented on both commitment to appropriate legislation, and the management of risk on site. It is very pleasing to see activities that have been implemented which reflect positively on Rāwhiti School".

2019 Term Dates

The dates for the 2019 school year were confirmed at our last BOT meeting.

- Term 1 Thursday 31st January - 12th April
- Term 2 29th April – 5th July
- Term 3 22nd July – 27th September
- Term 4 14th Oct – Wednesday 18th December

These dates allow for the school to close for a Teacher Only Day at some stage during the year.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Liz Weir

Need To See Liz Weir?

Then come and see me! I'm Kim Allen, Liz's PA at the school office. I will always set up a time for you to see Liz – it may just need some juggling! Liz loves to talk to the school community, families and friends alike when she can, and I will do my best to fit you into Liz's schedule.

Because Liz is really busy it's best if you see me first and I will see what can be done about an appointment with her, or another member of the senior leadership team if it is needed.













If you are not sure who you need to talk to, it might be helpful to refer to the flowchart in this newsletter. It may not be possible, sadly, to fit you in right then and there, so if you can call in to the office first or ring me to set up a time that is the best way forward. It will also be helpful to know, just in brief terms, what you need to see her about.

I'm at my desk in the school office 8.30am to 3.30pm every day. You can ring me via the school number 3889519 or you can email me on admin@rawhiti.school.nz.

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
	<i>Pastoral care covers our support of your child's individual needs, their emotional wellbeing and helping them with any personal problems they may be experiencing at school.</i> 	<i>Where a concern is related to a special need and you feel an adjustment may be required to support successful learning e.g. issues related to ASD (autistic spectrum disorders), dyslexia or dyspraxia or physical disabilities</i> 		
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 the Principal's PA, Kim Allen, 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 Kim Allen, the Principal's PA, ph 3889519 or email admin@rawhiti.school.nz				
Teachers are available in the Learning Studios between 8.30am - 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.				

Principals Awards - Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki

Rongo Ma Tane: James P, Lexie T x2, Harley, Emilie F, Shanara, Harry, Niya, Leon, Benji C, Lincoln F, Layla, Nyah, Maniya, Suhanna, Zara, Maeve x2, Aleigha, Samara, Rieko, Faolan x2, Oskar, Pax x3, Vinny, Aria C, Anika, Tyson

Papatuanuku: Cooper J

Haumia Tiketike: Harlem

What's Coming Up - He aha kei tua

August

16 th	Year 7 – 8 Learning Conversations
	Year 7 - 8 Open Night: 6.30pm – 7.30pm
17 th	Year 1-3 Assembly
20 th	Bandquest (at St Margarets College)
22 nd	Year 7 - 8 Ski trip
22 nd	Community survey coming home
24 th	Whole school assembly
29 th	Strum Strike Blow
30 th	PTA meeting
31 st	Y4-6 Assembly



School Notices – Ngā pānui a te kura

Year 7-8 Information session – tonight, Thursday 16th August

We are aware that this is the time of year parents of our Year 6 children make decisions about where to send their child for Year 7 and 8. We believe that being a Full Primary School (Year 0-8) makes Rāwhiti School the ideal option because we offer a complete package for children between preschool and high school. We will be holding an information evening for parents of our current Year 6 students where we will outline the options and programmes available at Rāwhiti School for Year 7 and 8 students. Please join us at 6.30pm in Tangaroa studio, on Thursday 16th August to hear about some of the initiatives that have been introduced and talk about plans still in development.

Cultural Festival – 3-7 September

Rāwhiti school are performing on the 5th of September between 12.30pm – 2.30pm so if you haven't purchased tickets to the festival yet, you can go online and book them through this link:

<http://premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/show.aspx?sh=CULTURAL18>

Bandquest

We have a band entered in the Bandquest competition and the final performances will be held at 7pm on Monday 20th of August at St Margaret's College auditorium. If you would like to go along to support our band, tickets are \$10 per person and will be on sale at the door from 6pm. Children under 6 are free of charge and eftpos will be available at the venue.



Year 7 – 8 Skiing – Last day for payment tomorrow

A reminder that tomorrow is the last day you can pay for the skiing trip if you are wanting your child to attend. The cost is \$85 per student and can be paid at the office or through online banking.

Accounts

School accounts were emailed or posted out recently. 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. **PLEASE NOTE OUR BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER 12-3240-0211804-01.**

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 child/ren. We would encourage you to make regular weekly payments, (\$5- \$10 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. 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.

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/

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.

Children leaving early

Please remember that if you are taking your child early from school for the day or for an appointment you must sign out at the tablet at the school office before leaving please.

KidsCan Mufti Day

Thanks to everyone that dressed crazy for the KidsCan mufti day last week. There was even a crazy giraffe about the school. We raised \$543.80 for KidsCan. Well done everyone.



Maths Week 2018



Have you got your 'Maths Eyes' on?

This week is Maths Week and is a great chance to use your 'Maths-Eyes' to look at the world around you.

Maths-Eyes is a great way for all of us to improve our Mathematics skills, by seeing numbers and Maths in the environment around us. By putting on our Maths-Eyes we will be able to relate Maths to our real-life situations and apply our knowledge and strategies in a range of contexts.

You could put your Maths-Eyes on with your children and see what Maths you can see in your local environment, in magazines or newspapers, brochures and posters.

You can find out more about Maths Eyes at:

<http://www.haveyoutgotmathseyes.com/the-maths-eyes-concept/>

For starters try these Maths-Eyes pictures with your family...



Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hāpori

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

Drama Class South Brighton

Spaces are available for the Canvas bag drama 5 to 7 year old group at South Brighton. Enrol your child now and be part of the term four show. Workshopping begins in week 6 of term 3. Our 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. 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 have a free trial lesson please contact Gina Fowler:

info@canvasbag.nz, or call on 022 3512519 or visit www.canvasbag.nz



Father's Day Family Night at Bunnings Shirley

Bunnings Shirley is hosting a Father's day family night at the end of this month and we would love to invite all families to come along! There is also a colouring in competition which you can collect from the school office. It's all free ! We just ask that you register that you're coming either by emailing ShirleyAO@bunnings.co.nz, calling or visiting instore!

Father's Day Family Night

FREE



Thursday 30th of August 2018
<5.30pm - 7.30pm>

**Bring the family along
for a great night of fun!**

- Make a gift for dad
- D.I.Y. workshops
- Light refreshments
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PARKLANDS UNDER 13'S TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

31st of August
Parklands
United Sports
Club



5:15 pm to 6:45 pm
school years 1-5

6:50 pm to 8:15
school years 6-8

Great Prizes
up for grabs

\$3 Entry

Food and drinks \$1 to \$3

Glow sticks,
jewellery,
lightsabers
\$1 to \$5



Parents are welcome to stay, but a caregiver will have to come & collect their child/children



EASTSIDE Football Academy

Where: Parklands • CHRISTCHURCH

Eastside Football Academy has been formed by local NZF Qualified coach Darren Clements to give access to quality coaching for local football player.

The first programme kicks off on in September for age groups From 5 to 15.

For refer to website – www.eastsidefootballacademy.com

Mention your school or club name when registering and a donation will be given back to your school or local club.

Contact - Darren Clements on 027 272 3172.

Spaces are limited so reserve a space NOW!



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Ages 4 to 6

Have your child breeze into school with a firm foundation of maths already under their belts.

Middle Primary
Ages 7 to 10

Give your child the confidence they need in the classroom to succeed in learning maths skills.

Intermediate
Ages 11 to 13

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