



From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia orana koutou and welcome to Term 3. As always, there is a lot happening this term so please check your emails regularly, keep an eye on the fortnightly newsletter, and download the Rāwhiti School App so that you know what is going on. This week is Cook Island Language Week. Throughout the year there is a designated week to celebrate each of the Pacific Island languages, and these provide us with a great opportunity to expand our own vocabulary. In this newsletter you will find some simple phrases in Cook Island Maori that you might like to try as a family.

We finished last term on a high note with our awesome Matariki Celebration. Many thanks to all of you who came along and took part in the Matariki Stars fact finding mission across the school. We hope you enjoyed learning alongside your children. A special thank you to the team who prepared and cooked our hangi dinner for us. We do apologise for the delay in getting meals to some studios and we appreciate the patience shown as you waited for your meal. We have learned a lot from this first attempt at a whole school hangi and are looking forward to the next opportunity.

The children also earned their second collective reward for playground behaviour and had a lot of fun on the last day playing with their own toys at school. This term there are three new choices, all from the list of suggestions made by the children: a free sausage sizzle, a movie afternoon in each studio, or an extended play time. At the moment the movies are looking popular but it is early days yet!

Teacher Strike Action

Further to the information sent home last week, it has now been confirmed that teachers have voted to take industrial strike action for a full day on **Wednesday 15 August**. The teachers union, the NZEI, has entered into mediation with the Ministry of Education in an attempt to avert strike action.

Teachers have not taken industrial action in New Zealand since 1994 and the fact that we are taking such a step shows the grave concerns we have for the future of quality public education if courageous steps are not taken now. We appreciate the inconvenience of strike action on families, and our member teachers do not take the decision lightly. There are three main concerns teachers and principals have and I've included an extract from New Zealand Principals' Federation President, Whetu Cormick, to help clarify the reason teachers have concerns.

"The first is about support, Professional Learning and Development, and special needs. It is well acknowledged across our sector and in parliamentary circles that our special education services no longer meet the needs of the growing number of severely challenged young people in our schools. We do not have sufficient specialists such as psychologists, speech therapists and the like, nor do we have a mechanism to allow teachers to specialise in special needs education. This area, without doubt, needs an injection of both funds and strategic future planning. The second is about time. The offer of 12.5 minutes a week additional time for teachers to plan, assess and work individually with children is totally inadequate. Our teachers are some of the best in the world and to maintain high quality teaching they need more time to reflect, research and refresh. The third issue is pay. We know that pay rates are an important factor in recruiting school graduates into teaching, and we know that the profession has not had any significant pay rise in a decade. This translates as undervaluing our profession at a time when we need a commitment to raising the status of the profession."



We are certainly feeling the teacher shortage here in Christchurch. It's the worst I have ever seen and I've been teaching now for 32 years.

It is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees to determine whether or not the school closes on August 15th. **The board will communicate their decision to you as soon as possible.**

Year 4-8 Learning Conversations

The second round of Learning Conversations for the year are underway. This is the time for you, your child and their teachers to discuss their learning and achievements to date. It is also an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have. At your Learning Conversation you will be given a copy of your child's mid-year snap shot report.

We have set a goal of having at least 75% of our children having a Learning Conversation with their parent/caregiver present. Teachers will be contacting you directly if you have not yet made an appointment. If you are not confident using the online booking system then please contact either the kaiawhina for your child, or Kim in the office.

Out of Zone Ballot

The Out of Zone ballot for children starting in Term 4 will be closing on Wednesday 8th August at 4pm. Please note that the bilingual unit is currently at capacity so we will not be accepting enrolments at present for this class.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Liz Weir

Principals Awards - Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki

Rongo Ma Tane: Tyson A x2, Rocky, Deacon, Nyah, Jasper, Sanchia, Noah L x2, Layla x2, Vinny x2, Lexie, Pax, Eliza, Anika x2, Harper, Zara W, Alex, Malachi, Max M, JT, Anameka, George B, Hunter S, Paige, Oskar, Noah, Maeve

Papatuanuku: Riley

SIMPLE COOK ISLANDS WORDS AND PHRASES

One	Ta'l
Two	Rua
Three	Toru
Four	'A
Five	Rima
Six	Ono
Seven	'Itu
Eight	Varu
Nine	Iva
Ten	Ta'Inga'uru



Hello	Kia orana
Goodbye	Aere ra
How are you?	Pe'ea koe?
I'm well thanks	Meitake Ma'ata
Sit down	No'o ki raro
Excuse me	Ina ake ana ine
What's your name?	Ko'ai to'ou ingoa?
My name is Peter	Ko Peter toku ingoa

What's Coming Up - He aha kei tua

August

2 nd	Year 4 – 6 Learning Conversations
8 th	Closing date for Term 4 out of zone ballot Year 4-6 Learning Conversations
9 th	KidsCan Crazy Mufti Day Year 4-6 Learning Conversations
15 th	Strike Action Day Board of Trustees meeting
16 th	Year 7 – 8 Learning Conversations (rescheduled from the 15 th of Aug) Year 7 - 8 Open Night: 6.30pm – 7.30pm
22 nd	Year 7 - 8 Ski trip
29 th	Strum Strike Blow
30 th	PTA meeting



School Notices – Ngā pānui a te kura

Success@Rawhiti

We are extremely proud of our student **ANGUS STEWART** who represented Parklands United football team in the Christchurch International Football Cup from 13-15 July.

Parklands coach Darren Clements has reported that **Angus** was an integral member of the Parklands Huskies who finished as Christchurch International Cup CHAMPIONS. Along their journey in the Tournament the Parklands Huskies were able to overcome the three tournament favourites in some thrilling games. The team has been building towards this tournament from last year and the Huskies have remained undefeated in the local A band competition throughout the year.

In the first 2 days, after 3 games the Huskies were top of the group and still without a loss. They had a very tough game in the quarter finals beating Cashmere Technical 4-3 to move to the semi-finals the following day.

Finals day the Huskies overcame the tournament favourites Maori Hill 4-1 in the Semi-final and moved into the finals later in the day. The final was a great game and the Huskies really hit their straps white washing Aoraki 6-0.

Video High lights of the game can be seen on facebook link -

<https://www.facebook.com/christchurchinternationalcup/videos/2174402496130871/>

Not only was the team successful but Rawhiti are privileged to have one of the best age group football players in New Zealand.



Published Writers!

Holly from Tangaroa and Sepela from Tāne Mahuta have had their work published in the latest Toitoti magazine. Congratulations to them both for this outstanding achievement. We have a copy in the school library if you would like to come and admire their work.



East Zone Sports

Yesterday some of our sports teams competed in the East Zones competitions. The following teams did so well they are off to compete in the Canterbury Zones:

Year 5/6 hockey	1 st
Year 7/8 hockey	2 nd
Year 7/8 football	1 st .

Well done to all teams who went to East Zones.



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.

KidsCan Mufti Day – Thursday 9th August



We are really excited to support the '#Crazy Day' for KidsCan on Thursday 9th August! Gold coin donation. KidsCan supports our school by providing us with food for lunches (scroggin, muesli bars & fruit pottles), clothing and health care products. Chuck on your craziest wig, wear your most colourful or 'out there' clothes - however you want to get crazy on 'Crazy Day' is totally up to you. The best part is anyone can get a little crazy! What really matters is that you will be helping to fundraise for Kiwi kids in need.

Year 7-8 Information sessions

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.

Bake sale fundraiser

Jaime and Nebraska from Tangaroa are having a bake sale next week on Tuesday afternoon. They will be selling all types of cookies! Further information will be on posters in all classrooms. These girls are fundraising for the "Global Alms Yes She Matters Foundation". To find out more about Global Alms head to www.globalalms.com. The girls have put a lot of time and effort into what they are doing. They want to raise as much money as possible for this great foundation! Thank You.



Learning Conversations - Booking Code 8md75

Learning Conversations will be held as follows:

Year 4 – 6	Thursday 2 nd August	3.30pm – 5.00pm
	Wednesday 8 th August	3.30pm – 7.00pm
Year 7 - 8	Thursday 9 th August	3.30pm – 5.00pm
	Thursday 16 th August	3.30pm – 5.30pm

To make a booking please go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz> and our code is 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.

Youth Alive Programme on Strike Day

Youth Alive Trust will be running a one day programme on Strike Day (Wednesday 15th August) while schools are closed. Activities for the day include inflatables, baking, archery (seniors), sports and game for just \$30 for the day (8.30am – 3.30pm). Work & Income subsidies are available for those eligible. Sign up at <https://yat.aimplus.com> and choose the "Special Day" option.

Year 7 – 8 Skiing

We have offered skiing to Year 7 and 8 students as an extra to the school curriculum. This means the full amount, \$85 per student, is expected to be received before August 17th if you want your child to go. **If the full amount is not received by August 17th unfortunately they will not be able to go.**

Accounts

School accounts will be emailed or posted out 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. **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/

Plastic bags

If anyone has got an excess of plastic bags they don't want, please drop them off at the school office.

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.

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.)



Creative Junk are running a colouring-in competition with details of an Open Day they are holding on **August 25th from 10am until 2pm**. Copies can be picked up from the school office.

If Ākonga (students) bring their colouring along to the open day, they will be up for a prize. Alternatively, the finished colourings could be posted to : 25 Disraeli St, Addington, Christchurch. For more information, please contact Christine at Creative Junk on 021 159 7299 or 379 4040, or Tara on 02102660014.



Eastside Football Academy has been formed by local NZF Qualified coach Darren Clements and kicks off on 24/9/18. Covers age groups from 5 to 15. {lease refer to website – www.eastsidefootballacademy.com for more details. Mention Rawhiti School when registering for a donation to be given back to the school. Darren 027 272 3172. Spaces are limited so reserve a space early.

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 Wharenui 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.

Come join us for our annual talent quest

Mairehau's Got Talent



Wednesday August 8

7 - 8.30pm

Mairehau High School Hall

\$4.00 entry fee



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Join the fun...

Being a Pippin with ~~GirlGuiding~~ NZ is a very popular choice for 5 and 6 year old girls and it is great to be able to offer the opportunity to more girls to join our ~~Rawhiti~~ Pippin Unit – Thursdays 4.45-5.45pm at All Saints Church, 305 New Brighton Rd.

Guiding is about learning, developing self-confidence, making new friends and, of course, having lots of fun outside school!



Our ~~programmes~~ are provided in a fun, safe environment and girls get together each week with girls their own age to do lots of cool stuff like discovering nature, visiting interesting places, making crafts, playing games and more.



GirlGuidingNZ

If you have a 5 or 6 year old daughter who likes to have fun then contact Jenny Brawley ph. 0220542093 or visit www.girlguidingnz.org.nz