



Newsletter #12 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 30 August 2018

E ara ake ana i te ūruhi
Rising Above The Ordinary



**Mark Your
Calendar**

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou

With the arrival of spring tomorrow we see the end of the winter sport competition that our rugby, soccer, netball, hockey, indoor bowls and table tennis teams have been taking part in each Friday afternoon.



We offer sincere thanks to the teachers and parents who have acted as team coaches, managers and side-line supporters throughout the season. We could not field the number of teams that we do without your support, and we are lucky to have so many skilled parents who are passionate about children being involved in sport. Special thanks to Di Hubrick, Jen Evans, Janet Carson, Sam Blackwell, and Vince for their ongoing support of winter sports at Rāwhiti.

Two of our representative performance groups have also been training hard throughout this term in preparation for their major appearances for the year. Our ukulele group took to the stage at the Horncastle Arena last night in the annual Strum Strike Blow concert, performing alongside around 1000 other students playing marimbas, ukuleles and recorders.

Next Wednesday our Kapa haka group will perform at the matinee of the Cultural Festival. Joining them on stage for the first time will be our new Pasifika performance group – an exciting new development for us as a school.

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AUGUST

30th PTA meeting
31st Y4-6 Assembly
31st Finals Day for Winter Sports
31st Last day for "Talent Quest"
Entries

SEPTEMBER

3rd Museum Visit (Some Tangaroa)
5th Cultural Festival
6th Golf in school
7th Return Community Survey form
so child's class can enter competition
10th Maori Language Week
12th Maori Whanau Hui
13th Golf in school
14th School photos
12th—14th Talent Quest
18th—20th Koru Games
19th Board of Trustees meeting
20th Golf in school
21st Y1-3 Assembly
24th Golf in school
28th Loud Shirt/Superhero mufti day
28th Last day of Term 3

OCTOBER

15th First day Term 4



From The Principal continued ...



Community Consultation : The future of Rāwhiti School

Last week your child should have brought home the Board of Trustees 'Future of Rāwhiti School' survey. The intention of this survey is to find out what our community thinks about the direction of learning for Rāwhiti School, and the information gathered will be used to inform the ongoing strategic planning for the Board of Trustees.

It can be notoriously difficult to get surveys completed and returned however we have been absolutely delighted with the response so far, which has by far exceeded the 50% target that the board was aiming for. In the last 10 days over 60% of children have returned a completed survey (either in paper or electronic form) – and there is still plenty of time for you to do this if you have not got around to having this conversation with your child.

Next Friday (September 7th) the studio with the highest percentage of returns will earn themselves a trip to the new Taiora QE2 pool, and all families who have returned a form by Friday September 21st will be in the draw for a family prize.

If you would prefer to complete this survey online, please contact Kim in the office and she will send you the link to the online survey.

Interested in Helping Us??

The returned community survey forms tell an extraordinary story of the aspirations this community has for our school. We are going to need help sifting and sorting all of the information that is coming in, to help the board identify key themes and areas for development.



We would like to enlist a Parent Volunteer Army (a PVA) to help us with this task. We envisage that this group will work alongside staff and board members in Term 4 unpacking the data gathered. Please consider getting involved and if this sounds like something you would be interested in then let us know by emailing admin@rawhiti.school.nz.

Staff News

Sue Tait has decided that she will retire at the end of this school year after a lengthy career in teaching. Although Sue started out in South Otago, most of her teaching service has been in the North New Brighton community, and we know many of our current parents were themselves taught by Sue at North New Brighton School.

We are also pleased to announce that two of our current staff, Rachel Beaumont and Kayla Laking-Anderson, have been appointed to our permanent teaching staff.



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*From The Principal continued ...***2019**

It may be hard to believe, but planning for 2019 is already underway. We have begun by looking at our predicted numbers and examining the possibilities and practicalities of school organisation. I'm sure you can appreciate that this is a complex task in a school of our size. We must take into consideration what our staffing allocation from the MOE will be and then we look at the numbers associated with each year group, before we start looking at the details of teacher allocation and studio placements.



To this end, it would be greatly appreciated if you could advise the office if you are intending to move your child/ren away from Rāwhiti School next year. Knowing the number of expected leavers means that we can make provision for this and plan accordingly.

Please email admin@rawhiti.school.nz if this applies to you. This does not apply to our Year 8 leavers, or Year 6 children who have already returned their form indicating their 2019 intentions. If you have a child in Year 6 and have not yet notified us of your intentions for Year 7 we would appreciate your form being returned as soon as possible, or you can phone Kim in the office.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Liz Weir

Principals Awards**Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki****Rongo Ma Tane**

Layla P, Will, JT, Hosea x2,
Hugo, Terri J, Niya x2, Paige

Papatuanuku

Sophie

Well done everyone for your hard work!

**KORU Games 2018 for Year 7 & 8 students**

We have entered netball, basketball, football and touch team teams for the 2018 Koru games. This is a three day tournament held in Rolleston, Prebbleton and Lincoln on September 18th, 19th & 20th. If your child is in a team they will have brought a notice home earlier this week with a permission slip that needs to be returned to Andrew.

The cost for each competition is \$40.00 per student. This covers entry fees and transport costs. Payment is due before September 16.

Internet banking is available - please put your child's name as a reference. Please contact Cheryl if you wish to discuss this before the 7th September.



We would love you to come out and support our teams. If you are able to, the draws will be available at: www.korugames.nz

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.

**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>





Board Chat

Welcome to the first board chat. In this section of the newsletter I will update you on all things board related. You can expect an update following each meeting.

Firstly I would like to welcome Cheryl Lineham and Vanessa Manning to our board. Both have been co-opted onto the board for the remainder of this board term. We are thrilled to have them both onboard as they bring a new set of skills to our team.

Secondly I would like to share with you some exciting news. We have started the process of designing a **waharoa**. Waharoa is a Māori word which translates as 'gateway' or 'main entranceway', and usually refers to the entrance to a pā (fortified village) or marae (meeting ground). This has long been a project we wanted to do and the time is right to see the project get off the ground. Our waharoa will act as the official gateway to our school, and be the welcome point for formal powhiri or mihi whakatau. We are working with well known artist Fayne Robinson to come up with a design that represents our community and our unique history. I will keep you updated as this process continues.

Janet Carson and I were fortunate to attend the New Zealand School Trustees Association (NZSTA) conference in Rotorua during the last holidays. It was a great three day event that Janet and myself gained much from. One highlight for both of us was Donald McMenamin's workshop on reauthoring children's reputations. It was an innovative approach to working with children using a fresh start approach by focusing on the successful parts of their character and building a new reputation around that.

I'll share another highlight next board chat.



I would also like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge the initiative shown by Anna-Belle Graham in her efforts to unite our Pasifika community at Rawhiti. As a beginning teacher Anna-Belle has shown remarkable enthusiasm and courage to form our Pasifika group which consists of about 30 children across the school. They are meeting regularly with Anna-Belle have had a number of shared dinner evenings and are entering into the Cultural Festival. We are very proud to have such a courageous teacher achieving such wonderful things.

Finally we wish to thank the school community for being behind the teachers strike two weeks ago. The board fully supports the teachers and their negotiations with the government.

Our next Board of Trustees meeting is Wednesday 19th September at 6.30pm and you are welcome to join us for the public part of the meeting.

Ka kite

Jen Evans

Chairperson Rāwhiti School Board of Trustees

Accounts

School accounts will be coming home soon. 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 or you may find internet banking more convenient.

Please put your child's name as your reference.

OUR BANK ACCOUNT IS:

12 -3240- 0211804 - 01.

Activity fees go towards the cost of curriculum based activities which involve a 'take home' component for students to keep.

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).

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.



Rāwhiti Policy Review—Term 3

Each term, board members, staff, and/or parents are asked to review and comment on specific policy.

This term the two policies that are being reviewed are:

**Behaviour Management
Complaints**

To read and review policies online, please log on to the SchoolsDocs website:

<http://rawhiti.schooldocs.co.nz/>
User name 'Rawhiti', password 'East' or see Kim in the office for a hard copy.

Click on each policy up for review, read through them, then click on the red UNDER REVIEW button and leave your comments.

Feedback is due by the end of each term.

Fast Laces

Sick of tying shoe laces? Try FAST LACES. Only \$5 per pair—quick and easy for kids to get their shoes on and off during the day.



These can be purchased from the office and all proceeds go to the PTA.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Congratulations to our students who recently participated in the ICAS exams. ICAS are competitions designed specifically for primary and secondary students. They are conducted annually in New Zealand and in over 20 countries, with almost a million entries per year.

SCIENCE:

Participation: Ashlin, Solan, Cayden, Xander, Shelby, Ella S, Callum, Matthew, Jelani, Joshua D, Luke P, Nevaeh, Zack

Merit: Benjamin; Credit: Izzy

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Participation: Cayden, Xander

Merit: Benjamin; Distinction: Lewis



School Notices – Ngā pānui a te kura**Success@Rāwhiti****Bandquest**

Our Richter Scale band performed at the BandQuest last week. Corbin Scammel was awarded “Killer Guitarist” for his solo performance. Well done everyone!


Community Notices
Ngā pānui a te hāpori

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MEET
in the

Sun 7 OCT

MIDDLE

The Breeze Walking Festival walkingfestival.co.nz

biketober

Celebrate
Te Ara Ōtākaro
- the Avon Trail -
by walking or riding
along the river from
east or west to
Kerrs Reach for a
grand community fun day,
with a regatta, kids
activities, food and
FREE live entertainment:



TIKI TAANE

www.middle.nz

Arrive Kerrs Reach
for 12pm start
to 3.30pm



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Otautahi Softball
Registration Day
 Sunday 2nd September
 2018
 12:00pm - 1:00pm
 Bower Park, New
 Brighton Rd
 Free Sausage Sizzle
 New Players Welcome
 for more info contact
 Irline
 022 163 8072
 It's all about
 whanau ..



Eastern Sports
have a go!


 Eastern Community
 Sport and Recreation
 Incorporated

Fancy trying a new sport or learning a new skill?

Why not 'have a go' this term with Eastern Sports and
 our local sport clubs.

Each week a new sport focus

All welcome year 1-8

Term 3 Tuesday's and Thursday's 3.10-4.10pm
 Weeks 7-10 at Rawhiti School
 Starting Tuesday 4th September!

\$4 per session

For more information
 please visit

<http://www.easterncommunity.co.nz/programme/have-a-go/>

  