



Newsletter #13 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 13 September 2018

*E ara ake ana i te ūruhi*  
*Rising Above The Ordinary*

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

Kia ora koutou

Last Wednesday our Kapa Haka and Pasifika Culture groups performed at Horncastle Arena in the Cultural Festival. This was a most powerful performance with all of the students on stage representing Rāwhiti School with real pride. It was the first ever outing for our Pasifika group – what a thrill to see these children performing with such confidence and obvious enjoyment (photos included later in this newsletter). Ngā mihi nui kia a Jasmine, Kylie, Caroline, Clowance, Annabelle, Peter, Shar and Timi. A huge amount of work goes on behind the scenes and on the day so a huge ‘thank you’ also to all the kaiako and whanau of the tamariki involved for supporting them in their performance and all the practice leading up to it. You will be able to see both these groups perform at our next Whole School assembly on Friday 28th September.

This week we are celebrating Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, Maori Language Week. Our children have been working their way through a number of te reo challenges and have had a lot of fun in the process. Here they are for you to try at home!

- Kia pai tō wiki - *Have a good week*
- He kaiako purotu tōu? *Do you have a good looking teacher?*
- Ae, he kaiako purotu tōku. *Yes, I have a good looking teacher.*
- Tikina ōu koutou pouaka kai, ipu wai. *Fetch your lunch boxes and drink bottles*
- Ka parahutihuti te mahi. *Working flat out*
- Ko Rāmere tenei! Kia pai tō wiki mutunga. *It's Friday! Have a great weekend.*

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## Mark Your Calendar

### SEPTEMBER

- 14th School photos
- 12th—14th Talent Quest
- 17th Tawhirimatea to Thomson Park
- 18th—20th Koru Games
- 19th Board of Trustees meeting
- 20th Golf in school
- 20th Author Bill Nagelkerke visit
- 21st Y1-3 Assembly
- 21th Winter sports assembly
- 24th Golf in school
- 25th Rongo ma tane to Thomson Park
- 26th Pizza Day—Senior Fundraiser
- 28th Loud Shirt/Superhero mufti day
- 28th Last day of Term 3
- 28th Whole school assembly

### OCTOBER

- 15th First day Term 4
- 17th Cut-off for Out of Zone applications



***From The Principal continued ...*****Health and Safety**

As we have said before, Health and Safety is everybody's responsibility. I regularly have contact from parents who have had a 'near miss' experience in the streets around our school. This includes children dashing across the Bowhill Road roundabout and children on bikes not checking before they move into the centre of the lane. We also hear a lot about cars pulling out of parks without looking, and also driving in excess of the speed limit around our school. We will continue to remind children about being safe on the roads and we would ask that our community does their bit by reinforcing this message at home and also reducing speed around our school.

**Community Consultation : The future of Rāwhiti School**

We have been absolutely thrilled with the response to our Community Survey. As of today, just over 80% of you have returned a completed form. I am delighted to announce that the children in **PAPATUANUKU** have earned themselves a free trip to the new Taiora QE2 pool – with 99% of the children returning a form! Their teachers will schedule this in between now and the end of the term.

There is still time to complete and return your community consultation form. If your child has not yet presented you with one of these you can request one from the office. Or if you would prefer to complete this survey online, contact Kim in the office for a link to the survey. The draw for the family prize will take place next Friday 21st September and this will be presented in our assembly on the last day of the term.

**Parent Volunteer Army (PVA)**

The returned Future of Rāwhiti School 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 so the board can identify key themes and areas for development. We need a Parent Volunteer Army (a PVA) to help us with this task. Many thanks to the small number of parents who have so far offered to help out. If you think you could spare a couple of hours in Term 4 to help us out please email [admin@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:admin@rawhiti.school.nz).

**Fortnite**

A number of our children have become obsessed with the game *Fortnite*. *Fortnite* is an online video game created in 2017 with game modes that include a shooter-survival game for players to fight off zombie-like creatures and defend objects with fortifications they can build, and a battle royale game where up to 100 players fight in increasingly smaller spaces to be the last person left standing. There has been a lot of media about this game recently as schools are increasingly seeing violent aspects of the game being re-enacted in the playground. Please note that *Fortnite* is rated R12, meaning it is unsuitable for children under the age of 12. As a school we are very reliant on our families ensuring that children are playing age-relevant or age-appropriate games, and *Fortnite* is not appropriate for many of the children who are currently playing it at home.

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***From The Principal continued ...*****School Photos**

These are scheduled for tomorrow so please ensure that your child comes to school looking sparkling clean and in the correct school uniform. Children with non-regulation uniform items will be asked to remove these before photos are taken, this includes hair accessories, socks and tights, and long sleeved thermal tops that are not black or white. We have included a full list of school uniform items in this newsletter so that you can check what is allowed.

Only one more newlsetter before the end of the third term! Kia pai tō wiki mutunga (Have a good week-end).

**Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa**

**Liz Weir**

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

George B, JT, Archer, Jamahni, Lexie, Maniya, Emilie, Eliza, Jasper, Sophie S, Jake, Luka, Suhanna, Niya, Layla, Benji, Vinny and Salmaan.

**Tane Mahuta**

Levi B

Ka Pai To Mahi Koutou!

**Pizza Day—Wednesday 26th September**

We are fundraising for Y7&8 school programmes by organising a pizza day on Wednesday 26th of Sept.

You can order Hawaiian, pepperoni, cheese or ham/cheese . \$1.50 per slice; \$5 half pizza; \$8 whole pizza. Orders and money must be at the office by Monday 24th September (see order form later in newsletter).

Thanks, Josh, Joey, Nathan and Kaleb

**Strum Strike Blow**

On the 29th of August a group of our students went to the Strum Strike Blow at Horncastle arena with their ukuleles.





**School Notices – Ngā pānui a te kura****Success@Rāwhiti****Congratulations Tyson Hill**

Tyson was recently awarded the Most Improved Player U9 Orange Rugby Team at Parklands Rugby club—tino pai Tyson!

**Kobe's Principal's Award**

Oops, sorry Kobe. We missed your name off the last newsletter, but here you are proudly showing off your Principal's award recently received.

**Well done Kenadie Stevens!**

Kenadie was awarded Player of the Year 2018 for New Brighton Stingrays U7s ripper rugby. She was also named top try scorer. What a successful season.

**Cr. Deon Swiggs**

1 September at 13:30 · 🌐

I stand with Twin Harmony against domestic violence. [#twinharmony](#) [#cya18](#)

Tanemahuta and Teakaraupo Pakeha-Heke who are Twin Harmony are 13 yr old young men who have witnessed horrific domestic violence as children.

The twins started singing as soon as they were old enough to talk and have performed their songs and stories at marae, festivals and for an audience of hundreds at the recent justice summit in Porirua.

The boys, who go to Rāwhiti School and won an award at the Canterbury Youth Awards last night and also performed. They are an inspiration. Well done.

Twin Harmony are working with a vocal coach to release an EP. When they leave school, both want to enter the music industry.

Their end goal is simple - "No more violence in our Whānau."



### Maori Movement Bootcamp Visit

Māori Movement is a unique health and wellbeing programme that brings together the traditional training of the Māori warriors (both male and female) into a modern interpretation. The Māori Movement programme was designed and created by Beez Ngarino Te Waati and supported by Maori Movement Practitioners Kura Te Waati, Sophie Williams and Edmond Eramiha in conjunction with their advisors. We were fortunate enough to have them come to work with the students in Ata Hapara this week.



### Cultural Festival Performance

Here are a few photos of our Kapa Haka and Pasifika students at Horncastle Arena last week. The link to our performance is on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/TRgHwfFgb8E>



**School Fair—How you can help our PTA**

Our first ever Rāwhiti School Fair is happening on Friday 30th November from 4pm—8pm. The children are starting to get very excited and the organisation behind the scenes is starting to really ramp up now.

We've had a number of parents ask us how they can help and to make things easy we've put together a page on our blog with all the details you might need. This is a page that we will keep updating regularly. Please check it out here:

<https://www.rawhitipta.org.nz/fair-2018>

In the meantime a couple of simple things you might do is start collecting ice-cream containers and small boxes, as well as quality second-hand items like books, clothing and toys to donate.

Or if in doubt, please just email us at [pta@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:pta@rawhiti.school.nz) or text Bex on 0220992711.

Thanks so much!

**PTA Survey Winners!**

Thanks to everyone who filled out our online survey about the Fair. Your feedback was really valuable to us and we're already implementing a few of your ideas. Cheers!

We had 5 lucky winners of the \$10 Paper Plus vouchers - these winners were Hinga, Janet, Belinda, Amy & Amanda. Well done! (All winners have been notified).

If you still want to offer your feedback about the Fair (without a chance to win a prize) you can still do so at this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/YGfEOzWJ80jmZsd72>

**Winter Sports Assembly**

The winter sports assembly will be held on Friday 21st September from 2.20pm—3pm.

Also if you still have winter sports uniforms at home, please return them to the office—thanks!

**Koru Games Payments**

Please remember if your child is competing in the Koru Games, the payment of \$40 is required before Friday 14th September.

**Accounts**

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.**

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.



**Story Studio LIVE**

On Tuesday we were lucky to host Story Studio LIVE at our school. This group which is part of Capital E in Wellington, use professional actors and musicians to bring to life the tales written by young people for young people!

This was provided at no charge to us thanks to the Rata Foundation.

**Missing Longboard**

Kieran's longboard has gone missing from school.

If you have mistakenly taken it home, he would appreciate it being returned to Tangaroa or bring/drop it off to the school office please.

**Literacy Lowdown**

Next week Tane Mahuta and Tawhirimatea studio will host writer Bill Nagelkerke. He is part of the New Zealand Book Council's writers in schools programme.



We look forward to hearing about him and an opportunity to work alongside a 'real' author. This is also being provided at no charge to us thanks to the support of Creative NZ and the Mainland Foundation.

**2nd hand hats and skorts for sale**

We have a number of size 6, 8 and 10 black skorts (girls skirts/shorts) available for sale at \$5 each.

There are also a number of 2nd hand hats that are available for \$5 if anyone is interested. They are available at the school office.

**Weet-Bix Kids Tryathlon**

If you want to register with the school there is a link into the school team or feel free to register individually.

The Christchurch event is on Sunday 24 February 2019.

Flyers are available at the school office.