



Newsletter #17 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 15 November 2018

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

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

Kia ora koutou

I want to start by thanking our community for making alternative arrangements yesterday when the school was closed. I totally understand that the strike is a hassle for our community and, believe me, we would much rather have been at work too. Our teachers cannot afford to lose another day's pay - and I know you can't either. As teachers cannot expect to have everything on our 'wish list' straight away - but please believe me when I say this bargaining is not about greed for a bigger pay rise. The conditions around classroom release and extra support for students with additional learning needs have been ignored completely. While we understand that the Minister is saying these things might happen in the future, all of you have children in our classes TODAY who deserve a better deal now.

## **Rotary Club of Christchurch School Honour Roll Awards**

The "School Honour Roll Awards" were established over 24 years ago. The Awards are for intermediate age students (years 7 & 8) from Eastern Suburb Schools who have been selected by their schools as worthy recipients. Criteria for these awards include Citizenship, Leadership and Courtesy. This year we proudly congratulate **Ciaran Stewart, Teakaraupo Pakeha-Heke** and **Tane Mahuta Pakeha-Heke**. We look forward to honouring these students for their achievements at our Final Assembly on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

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## Mark Your Calendar

### NOVEMBER

- 16th School closed—Show Day
- 21-23 Y7/8 camp Spencer Park
- 27th Cluster kapahaka showcase
- 28th Y7/8 Top Team  
Getting ready for Rāwhiti party
- 30th PTA Twilight Fair, 4pm-8pm

### DECEMBER

- 5th Canterbury athletics  
Y4 sleepover at school  
BOT meeting
- 6th Y8 Dinner (Youth Alive Trust)
- 7th Report home  
Y8 Big Day Out  
Junior athletics
- 11th Leavers assembly
- 12th Rawhiti Rumbustification Day  
Mufti day
- 13th Showcase assembly
- 14th School finishes 12.15pm



## *From The Principal continued ...*

### **Confucious Institute Awards**

Last week a number of our children received awards from the Confucious Institute. These children were chosen by our Mandarin tutor, Yajing, who has been teaching here each Tuesday. The following children were chosen because of their commitment and enthusiasm for learning the language.

Congratulations: Ashur, Mailli, and Bella-Aroha from Haumia tiketike; Ben and Eva from Tawhirimatea; Clara and Sophie from Tane Mahuta; and Josh and Ashlin from Tangaroa. We would also like to thank Paparoa Street School for lending Yajing to us for a day each week.



### **Eastern Zone Athletics**

Tuesday of this week saw our top athletes taking part in the Zone athletics. We received lots of feedback on both the performance and behaviour of our team. We are still awaiting official confirmation on which of our students may go on to compete in the Canterbury Athletics Champs. We will keep you posted.

### **Te Rangaihi Waitaha Primary Schools Kapa Haka**

This is the first year we have entered a team in the South Island Kapa Haka Championships. The performances last Saturday were of an incredibly high standard and it was a delight to watch our group take out 10th place. Rāwhiti performers were well supported by whanau from our school. If you would like to see their competition performance you can check it out on YouTube <https://youtu.be/6RxSdJsxgD0>

### **End of Year Reports**

Students in Years 4-8 will bring home their end of year report on Friday 7th December. At the end of last year the Government announced that schools no longer had to report against the national standards. Schools now have an opportunity to re-think their end of year reporting so that it reflects not just core subjects of reading, writing and maths, but also other equally as important areas of achievement, most notably the key competencies. All schools are now looking at what this might look like.

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In the mean time, our end of year report for 2018 will look just like last years report with the only difference being there will be no reference to the National Standards. Teachers will still report against the Levels of the New Zealand Curriculum, as they have always done.

And our pool is ready!! Children will start swimming next week! Enjoy the long weekend .

**Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa,  
Liz Weir**

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

AJ x2, Jack, Kobe x3, Will x3, Sebastian, Eden, Jake L, Julian, Hunter S, Jaime x2, Archer x3, Rocky, Braxton, Luca H, Jaxon B x2, George W, Leeton, Ruby, Mira, Nyah, Harry S, Jahzeal, Jayziah, Xavier C, Sanchia x2, JT, James P, Layla, Anameka, Harley, Shanara x4, Ollie, Alex M x3, Riley, Eden, Stella, Zara, Suhanna, Mariya, Sonny, Joel x2, Caleb x2, Noah L, Eliza x3, Jamahni x2, Travis x4, Emilie, Samara x2, Oskar x2

**Papatuanuku**

Connor B x2

Well done everyone for your hard work!

***Y7/8 Camp and Adrenalin Forest payments***

Payment of \$45 for camp and \$23 for adrenalin forest (if your child is attending) was due today.



Monday 19th November will be the last opportunity for payment to be made if you want your child to attend.

***Success@Rawhiti***

Our congratulations to Torin Clark, an ex-Rāwhiti student now in Year 11, who has been elected as Student Representative on the Board of Trustees at Mairehau High School.

If you know of the achievements of any of our ex-students then please do let us know and we are happy to include them in this section of our newsletter.

***School Notices – Ngā pānui a te kura*****Final Assembly Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm**

While you are noting dates in your diary, please also set aside the evening of Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup>. This special assembly is a whole school event at which we recognise a range of achievements, celebrate our year, and farewell our Year 8 students. It's a chance for us all to acknowledge our senior students and wrap up the year in a collaborative way. All children are expected to be part of this event, which is scheduled for the early evening to allow families to attend.

## PTA Update on School Fair

Raffle tickets are still available for sale—you have to be in to win! Thank you to everyone who lent us slow cookers so we could prepare the food for the fair night. They are available for collection if you want to pick them up, or if you don't think you'll need them soon, we will keep them in the hall kitchen to reuse on fair day.

**WHEN:** Friday 30th November, 4pm –8pm

### WHAT WILL BE AT THE FAIR:

- Food Court (World-famous PTA cooking)
- Entertainment (music and dance)
- Craft stalls (made by the students)
- Cake stall and seedling sales
- Activities and sports (ponies, bouncy castles, dunk tank, fire engine, car rides and more—nothing more than \$2!)
- Second-hand books, clothing and toys
- Chocolate wheel, raffles and more.



### HOW YOU CAN HELP

#### 1. Volunteer your time

We'd like to keep the fair as affordable as possible so we're pretty much doing everything ourselves. To achieve this we do need quite a bit of help. We've set up an online roster system where you can go online and see all the jobs we'd like help with, the times needed and info on what you would be asked to do. You can set up your own schedule and it will be emailed to you for your reference later. If things change, you can log back on and change your own roster.

To join up just visit [timecounts.org.rawhitipta](https://timecounts.org.rawhitipta) and click **Join Us** to create an account. Watch a video here for more info: <https://youtu.be/MrF4gkvpJWQ>

Once you're fully logged in you can go to **Opportunities** and click on the **Twilight Fair** area to **Volunteer** for jobs. It works on your mobile too.

If you would like to help out but are not sure what you want to do or can't get online you can simply email [pta@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:pta@rawhiti.school.nz) or text Steph on 021-136-5391.

#### 2. Donate something

Here is a list of things we are looking for (and please take note of the dates as we cannot accept some items early):

- Clean ice-cream containers

**DROP OFF TO OFFICE ANY TIME THIS TERM**

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Other items to donate:

- Second-hand books (good condition)
- Second-hand clothing (good condition and clean)
- Second-hand toys (good condition and clean)
- Wrapped bottle of something for 'Mystery Bottle' (unused, no alcohol, not expired)

**DROP OFF TO SCHOOL HALL DURING WEEK BEFORE FAIR (26-30 November)**

- Cookies, slices or lollies (bring in ice-cream containers) - we will vacuum seal these for you on cake boards

**DROP OFF TO HALL KITCHEN WEEK OF FAIR (26-30 November)**

- Cakes and cupcakes

**DROP OFF TO HALL KITCHEN THE DAY BEFORE FAIR (29 November)**

**3. Lend Something**

We are going to need to borrow some of these:

- Gazebos, marquees or sun shelters
- Long outdoor extension power cords
- Ropes and stakes to make temporary fencing

**STUFF TO WIN!**

Look out for some exciting raffles and auctions leading up to and during the Twilight Fair including ...

1. \$10 raffle for an \$1800 Haier fridge plus supermarket vouchers for \$200, plus 9 other prizes!!!
2. Trade Me auctions for big-ticket items
3. \$1 Christmas raffle to win 20+ food hampers
4. Chocolate Wheel with chocolates and plenty of other goodies!
5. \$20 Mystery Buckets with guaranteed prizes in each.

**\$10 Raffle Tickets on Sale at the Office**

Come into the office if you would like to purchase a \$10 raffle ticket to be in to win a Haier fridge + \$200 voucher, or one of the other 9 great prizes. Winners will be drawn at 7pm on the night of the fair.

**OTHER STUFF**

We're doing everything we can to make the fair as eco-friendly as we can. Please remember to bring along your own reusable bags and if you can please walk, bike or scoot as parking will be limited.

Please encourage people to come along to our school fair as all the money we raise will be going towards brand-new playground equipment including a large climbing frame. Exciting! See you there!

Email [pta@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:pta@rawhiti.school.nz) if you can help—thanks!



### Plastic Bags Needed

If you have any spare plastic bags that you don't want, please drop them off at the school office.



### Missing Orange Scooter

Terri in Papatuanuku has had her orange scooter go missing for over a week now. It looks like this one and has her name underneath. If you have seen it around, please return it to her.



### Rawhiti School PTA Christmas Raffle

With the end of the term and Christmas not that far off it is once again time for our annual Christmas raffle. Raffle cards will be sent home today and a big thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas raffle mufti day today.

There will be 20 plus hamper prizes with first prize including a hamper, ham and Christmas cake made by Bev McTaggart. Tickets will be \$1.00 each with a card of 10 coming home today.

The raffle closes on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December and will be drawn on the

4<sup>th</sup> December. If anyone would like additional raffle cards these are available from the school office.



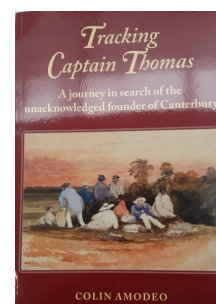
### Loud Shirt Mufti Day

Thanks to everyone for their donations on the loud shirt mufti day. We raised \$412.60 for this great cause.



### Free Book!

Colin Amodeo kindly gave us a copy of his book "Tracking Captain Thomas—a journey in search of the unacknowledged founder of Canterbury".



If anyone is interested in local history and adding a further perspective on the founders of Canterbury, then you are welcome to be the new owner of this book.

First in, first served –just see Kim in the office.

### School Accounts If Your Child Is Leaving This Year

If you know that your child is leaving this year, we ask that you clear their account before they leave please. We thank you for supporting your child's activities.

**Library Dates To Be Aware Of**

We will be doing a stocktake of the library soon, so the last day for issuing books to students is today, **Thursday 15th November**.

All books need to be returned by **Friday 30th November** so the stocktake can be done.

The library will re-open on **Wednesday 5th December** in the morning and after school so parents can get some books out for the summer break.

**Rāwhiti Policy Review—Term 4**

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:

- 1. Harassment**
- 2. Improving Educational Outcomes For Maori Students**

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.

**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.)

**Free Bowls Have a Go Session—Y5-8s**

21st and 28th November at Parklands Bowling Club Green, 3.10pm—4.10pm. Email [sam@pukekocentre.co.nz](mailto:sam@pukekocentre.co.nz) to register your interest.

**Free Managing Anxiety and Building Resilience In Your Children Workshop—27th November**

Register your interest through these links

<https://mherc.arlo.co/courses/340-managing-anxiety-and-building-resilience-in-your-children>

<https://mherc.arlo.co/courses/341-managing-anxiety-and-building-resilience-in-your-teensv>

**Learn To Surf, Sumner—Ages 8-14 years**

Sundays 10am—12pm from the 17th of December

<https://surfcoach.co.nz/schools/>

**Oscar Gymnastics School Holiday Programme—Ages 5-12 years**

<http://www.chchgymnastics.com/oscar-holiday-programme.html>