



Newsletter #19 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 13 December 2018

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

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

Kia ora koutou—Welcome to the final newsletter of 2018.

Thank you to those who attended the assembly on Tuesday night to celebrate the year and to farewell our Year 8 students. Thank you in particular to those who brought junior children along to this event. It is so important for our little ones to see the way we honour our student leaders.

Congratulations to the following seniors who received awards on Tuesday night:

#### **Excellence in Literacy**

Ashlin Banks and Kieran Langley

#### **Excellence in Numeracy**

Ashlin Banks and Mark Watkins

#### **Service Awards**

Ashlin Banks, Charlotte Bracefield, Latreyl Douglas, Ollie Thompson, Ischyss Ruiter, Paige Johnson, Zoe Langley, Ryan Lee, Ethan Manning, Ciaran Stewart, Maliyah Iosefo

#### **Extraordinary Achievement Awards**

Willow Benjamin, Jacob Hubrick, Tom Robertson

#### **Rotary Awards**

Aka Pakeha-Heke, Ciaran Stewart, Tane Pakeha-Heke

#### **Whāia te iti kahurangi Awards**

Aka Pakeha-Heke and Tane Pakeha-Heke

#### **Pasifika Award**

Shyla Sanft

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## Mark Your Calendar

### **DECEMBER**

14th Poroporoaki 11am  
School finishes 12.15pm

### **JANUARY 2019**

29th School office open from  
9am—12pm  
30th School office open from  
9am—12pm  
31st Getting Connected/Goal  
Setting Day



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

At this assembly we also said farewell to a number of staff who are moving on.

- **Sue Tait** is retiring after a long career in education and we acknowledge her dedication and commitment to teaching in this area over that time.
- **Diane Gowland** is also retiring. Diane has been one of our most loyal and reliable relievers and our children love her.
- **Clare Byers** has resigned from her part-time position and has taken up a full-time role at Mt Pleasant School. Clare has been on leave this year so many of you will not have met her, but she was a long serving member of the North New Brighton School staff as the Reading Recovery teacher.
- **Vicki Stevenson** has been another of our regular relievers and part-time teachers. We are so happy for Vicki as she is moving to the North Island to start a new chapter in her life and has also secured a position at Waipukerau School in the Hawkes Bay.
- We wish **Amy Parish** all the best in her new position at Ohoka School - we know she will miss our children but she will not miss the long drive every day.
- **Amy Flammer** has been teaching in Rongo-ma-tane this term and she and her family are off to live in Chicago – they may even have a white Christmas this year.
- **Janice Beckett** has also been teaching in Rongo-ma-tane this year and next year she will be dividing her time between St Patricks in Kaiapoi and here with us one day a fortnight.
- **Clowance Nolan** has been relieving in Ata Hapara for the past 3 terms and we congratulate her on winning a position at Our Lady Star of the Sea School in Sumner.
- Two of our teacher aides are also moving on – **Rachel Keenan** and **Carolynne Som**. Both have played a significant role in supporting our learners this year.

In Term 1 **Kylie O'Keeffe** will be on leave attending the Kā Poupou Reo o Tahu course. We are very pleased that Karl Donaldson-Kahi will be teaching in Ata Hapara for the first term alongside of Jasmine and her team.

Another one of our teachers, **Judith Boeren** have achieved Full Teacher Registration status for the first time. Congratulations Judith.

Our annual Showcase Assembly this afternoon once again provided an opportunity for children to share their talents. Our Rāwhiti staff, once again supported by the staff from the Amplify School of Music, took to the stage to try and go one up on last years efforts. Our song was chosen to fit with our learning theme of Identity – your children can fill you in on the details and no doubt it will already be a viral sensation on You Tube!

So that's it – 2018 done and dusted!

If you and your children are using our school grounds over the school holiday period please be aware that from January 7<sup>th</sup> there will be two major landscaping projects taking place, so be on the lookout for workers and vehicles.

If you have time tomorrow morning please do consider coming along to the Poroporoaki at 11am. These will take place in each Learning Studio. Please see the information further on in this newsletter about the format these will take.

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

All that remains is for me to thank you all for your ongoing support for our school. There are always so many happy, smiling people around that it makes all of us appreciate what an extraordinary school we have. Have a Merry Christmas and enjoy the summer break with your family. 2019 will be here before we know it! I look forward to seeing you all at the Getting Connected meetings on Thursday 31st January 2019.

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

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

Travis x2, Zara x3, Nyah x2,  
Sophie, Joel x3, Harley, Millah x2, Samara x2, Jaxon,  
Julian, Riley, Lilia P, Holley, Braxton, Lexi, Paige x2,  
Mason B, Jayziah, Shanara, Maeve x2, JT x2, Leeten,  
Sanchia, Layla, Elijah, Ihaia, Rangī, Jake L, Caleb S,  
Ben, Alex M, Tyson, Noah, Luca, Eliza x2, Jahzeal,  
Jasper, Maia, Riley S-H x2, Pax, Oskar x2, Sonny,  
Kiarnee, Harley, Archer, Stella, Max.

***School Notices – Ngā pānui a te kura*****Office Hours and Emails**

The school office closes tomorrow (Friday) at 12.30pm and will re-open again on Tuesday 29th January 2019 from 9am-12pm, and again on Wednesday 30th of January. From Thursday the 31st of January, the office will be open normal hours—from 8.30am—4.30pm.

Emails sent to staff and to the school office will be checked throughout the holiday period but please do not expect an instant response.

**Poroporoaki—Friday 14th December, 11am in each learning studio**

A poroporoaki is a farewell ceremony and can be at the conclusion of a hui or at the end of school year. It is a chance for everyone present to acknowledge and express their thanks, thoughts, feelings and opinions and to reflect on the school year that has been, in a face-to-face situation.

Parents/caregivers/whanau are invited to attend.

Each studio will host a poroporoaki on the last block of the last day, starting at 11am. The format will be:

- Greeting/Welcome by Team Leader
- Staff will outline the procedure and purpose, give a brief overview of the year, and farewell those who are leaving. Students and whanau will be invited to respond.
- Open the floor to students and whanau members to speak
- Studio teachers and staff to speak
- Closing karakia/farewell gestures by staff.

### Dental Care over the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing emergency dental appointments on the **20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018**.

A service will also operate **Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> January – Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019**.

This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance.

You can phone and make an appointment for these clinics by ringing 0800 846 983.

### Christmas Raffle

Thank you to all the children who sold the red card of Christmas Raffle Tickets.

We made \$3266 from the Christmas Raffle so a big thank you to everyone who sold tickets. Prizes are being awarded to the children who sold the most tickets.

### Senior School Jackets 2019

Our senior students have the option of a senior school jacket with the school logo printed on it.

Thanks to the Board of Trustees we are able to offer our current Year 6 students, who are continuing on as Year 7 with Rāwhiti School in 2019, a discounted price of \$65 per jacket, down from the normal cost of \$115.

We will size your child to ensure they receive the correct fitting and put through an order for all families who wish to take up this offer on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Jackets will be available for your child late February.

**Order forms and payment will need to have been received in full before Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019 to allow your order to be processed.**

You may wish to make this payment at the school office or via internet banking: 12 3240 0211804 01. Please reference your child's name.

The order forms came home in the end of year envelope or you can get a copy from the school office.

### Yajing's Last Day at Rāwhiti

Thank you to Yajing from the Confucious Institute who has spent every Tuesday teaching Y4-8 children about the culture in China and some of the Mandarin language. We wish her a safe journey back to China.



***Getting Connected/Goal Setting Day—Thursday 31st January 2019***

We will be starting the 2019 school year with **'Getting Connected'** meetings on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January. While this is our first day of school for the year, children are only required to attend their **'Getting Connected'** meeting with their parent/s and teacher.

The **'Getting Connected'** meetings are set to start at the following times in each Learning Studio:

- 9.00 am
- 10.00 am
- 11.00 am
- 12.00 pm

Meetings will run for 45 minutes. You may choose which session you attend and do not need to book in.

Between 1.30pm and 3.30pm teachers will be available in their rooms for those who are unable to get to a morning meeting, or for those of you with larger families who might find it difficult to attend all the meetings in the morning.

We do understand that some of you may find it difficult to attend without having a specific appointment time and you are welcome to arrange this directly with the studio teachers using their school email address as contact. You will find teacher email addresses on our school website or included in the info pack sent home at the end of 2018.

**Meeting Format**

Teachers will start the meeting by showing you around the Learning Studio then sharing information about the programme, routines and expectations.

This will be followed by time for children and parents/caregivers to complete an individual profile sheet. These are not parent interviews.

Children do not need to wear uniform for the **'Getting Connected'** Meetings.

***School will begin for full instruction on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 9am. There will be a short mihi whakatau/welcome for new students and their families at 9.15am.***



## Rāwhiti School Fair - GIANT THANK YOU!

There are many, many people to thank who contributed to the amazing success of the first ever Rāwhiti School Fair which went off with a bang on Friday 30th November. Here goes...

**ALL the children at Rāwhiti School** – wow, what amazing creations and games you made for the fair. You should be so proud of all the effort you put in and all the money you raised. You have helped to buy yourselves a new playground! Good on you! Special mention to the senior students here too for lugging tables, setting up audio gear, serving on the food and drinks stands and painting the castle cubbyhouses for us too!

**The teachers and staff at Rāwhiti School** – a LOT goes into putting together a school fair and it really was a team effort. We know that you already had a lot on your plate, with school camps, reports, athletics, reports, swimming and reports ... and helping out on the night until well into the night was really appreciated. And as for the dunk tank – well that really was going above and beyond! (or under, as the case may be).

**The parents and whanau at Rāwhiti School** – we have said this before, but although we simply did not get the chance to go around and thank you all in person on the day, your efforts did not go unnoticed and were VERY much appreciated. We hope that it didn't put you off helping us out again one day! Also to everyone who donated books, cakes, toys, clothing or slow cookers – every little bit helped.

**Youth Alive and Amplify School of Music** – We have to make special mention to the Youth Alive team who literally saved the day by bringing down a group of volunteers and manning the bouncy castles for the whole fair. And as for Josiah and the Amplify team, combined with our very own awesome choir/singing teacher Jenny Payne, they put on an amazing 4-hour show (including set up and pack down!) You do so much for the community, - you literally rock.

**All the community groups** – the Fire service, North Beach Tennis Club, the Circus Trust, Sara Anderson School of Dance, North Brighton Scouts, Kelly Sports, the police, DIAMONZ tap studio and the colourful cosplayers – all these people gave up their time for free to come down to our school fair to provide fantastic entertainment for us.

**The PTA** – there is a core group of people who really went above and beyond to make the fair a success. The PTA really is a special group and Bex and I love you all! (By the way, we are looking for new members for 2019 – no fair next year – and if you're interested please email [pta@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:pta@rawhiti.school.nz).)

**The business community** – OK so this one is going to be a big one... We were absolutely BLOWN AWAY by the support of businesses from near and far. Because of this support we were able to run raffles galore, a tombola, a chocolate wheel and a series of Trade Me auctions. We gave away thousands of dollars of prizes to lucky winners (see below) and in return the amount we were able to raise for our playground grew exponentially.

Please, please, please take time to read through our business sponsors and if you can go and support them in turn. And please say you came from Rāwhiti School.

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## OUR MAJOR FOOD SPONSORS



Also **Fresh Choice Parklands**, **New World Stanmore** and **Countdown New Brighton** who provided grocery vouchers and **Salt on the Pier** and **Parklands Medical Centre** who provided sponsorship to help cover other costs.

Donna Stewart from **Switch Café New Brighton** (the PTA's second home) cooked the delicious pulled pork and did a huge amount of the food prep for us at the café as well as running the food stalls on the night. Thanks!

## OUR LUCKY WINNERS

### MEGA RAFFLE

1. Mary West
2. Lee Waddleton
3. Kere Cook
4. Mary West
5. Lauren Yaxley
6. Steve Norman
7. Raymer Ann Cook
8. Dan Black
9. Meg Ager
10. Di Hubrick

### BRIGHTON BUSINESS RAFFLE

1. Colin Foster
2. Phil Jones
3. Sandy Waddell
4. Emma Snow
5. Janine Gray

### COLOURING COMPETITION

1st = James (5)  
 Runner ups: Noah (7), Eloise (5),  
 Ari (10), Linden (5), Greta (9)

### XMAS RAFFLE

1. Mark McCallum
2. Michelle C
3. Jo Ragg
4. Glenys Francis
5. Annie Joe
6. Marion Haskell
7. Shirley Flintoff
8. Ava Macbeth
9. Fiona
10. Tanya Tomkins
11. Michelle Te Miha
12. Donna Cherry
13. BWC
14. Allan Family
15. Teri Jamieson
16. Cyrus Peters
17. Renee & Steve Noble Gawn
18. Kasey Walker
19. K Long
20. Sam
21. Tracey
22. Cecelia Tamati
23. Pip H

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## OUR MAJOR ACTIVITY &amp; RAFFLE SPONSORS





Other key sponsors were **Dyers Rd ITM, Shizoku Karate in Parklands, Thin Lizzy Beauty, Barker's of Geraldine, Live Love Laugh lollies, Laminex New Zealand, Poto Williams, Waimairi Golf Club, Sweet Revenge, Storer Motors, Shoreline Fitness, Rawhiti Golf Club, Paper Plus New Brighton and Denley's Panel and Paint.**

## ALL OUR FAIR SPONSORS (in one massive list ... over 2 pages!)

Alpine Crazy Putt and Village Cruisers	Hazel Youngman- Mike Pero	Quiksilver
Alpine Ice	Healthy Pet Food	Rainbow Confectionary
AMI	Hear Me Roar Kids	Rawhiti Golf Club
Andrea Kewish Photography	Heathcote Valley Riding School	Ray White New Brighton
Ballantynes	Hellers	Robins Garden Furniture
Barkers Geraldine	Holdson	Ruby Rock-it Studio
BBB Florist	Home & Castle Hardware	Rydges Latimer
Bidvest	Huhtamaki Packaging	Salt on the Pier
Big Chicken Supermarket	Innocent Food Packaging	Scenic Hotel Group
Bin Inn New Brighton	It's a Family Affair	Scorpio Books
Bletsoe Beauty	Itty Bitty Beats	Shakti Mat
Blown Away Hairdressers	J-Byjen	Shizoku Martial Arts
Bohemian Rose Makeup & Hair	Just Incredible NZ	Shoreline Fitness
BP QEII	Karmec Creations	Slumberzone New Zealand
Bubble On	Kohler New Zealand (Englefield)	South of India
Bull Breed Dog Rescue	La Belle Armour	Southern Salon Supplies
Bunnings Shirley	Laminex	Spots & Stripes
Canterbury Cutz New Brighton	Live Laugh Love	Springfree Trampoline
Canterbury Packaging	Lone Star Papanui	Storer Motors
Canterbury Rugby	Mad Mex	Sugar Bugs Cakes & Sweets
Caribe Latin Kitchen	McCains	Sweet Bath Treats
Chipmunks	Mike Pero - Bouncy Castle	Sweet Revenge
Christchurch Casino	Mitre 10 - Bouncy Castle	Switch New Brighton
Cookie Time	Mitre 10 MEGA Ferryroad	The Body Shop
Countdown New Brighton	Monthai Restaurant	The Bog Irish Bar
Court Theatre	Music Planet Canterbury	The Bombay Brasserie
Cute as a Button	Naia Creations	The Front Shed
Denley's Panel & Paint	New Brighton Club	The Good Vitamin Co
Devonport Chocolates	New Brighton Florist	The Hand Therapists
Diner 66 Christchurch	New Brighton Healthcare	The Party Box Company
Dominos Pizza New Brighton	New World Halswell	The Toy Collectors
Dyers Rd ITM	New World Northwood	The Turf & One Good Horse
	New World Stanmore	The Warehouse

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## MORE OF OUR FABULOUS FAIR SPONSORS ...

Espresso Carwash - The Palms	New Zealand Honey Co	Thin Lizzy Beauty
Exotic Foods	North Beach Coffee Shed	Three Boy Breweries
Farrah's Wraps	NZ Soap and Candle	Three Roses Decor & Design
Flipout	Orana Park	Tranzalpine
Frame N Copy	Paper Plus New Brighton	Tui Gardens NZ
Fresh Choice Parklands	Parklands Medical Centre	Veges Direct
Gelato Lab	Patersonrose	Verkerks
Gloria Jean's Coffees NZ	PB Tech	Waimairi Golf Club
Go Nutz Corn Chips	Pearsons Coal & Garden Supplies	WASH HQ
Good Honest Products	Pet and Garden Supplies	Wattyls Paint
Granny Delicious	Pierside Cafe	Wee Gift Knack
Haier	Pop Stop	Weka Pass Railway
Hair Plus	Poto Williams	Whittaker's Chocolate Lovers
Hair Princess NZ	Premier Beehive	Willowbank
Hanmer Springs Thermal Reserve	Pretty Paper	Xdesign crafts
Happy Hire	Purex, Treasures & Handee	Yaldhurst Museum
Harcourts Gold Parklands	QE2 Pharmacy	Youth Alive

AND

THE BIG TOTAL Raised at the fair...

**\$23,750!!!**

**Board Chat**

Wow what an amazing year we've had. The board of trustees are constantly blown away by the extraordinary education our children receive in the care of such a committed and hard-working staff.

Firstly I must mention the amazing super human efforts of Steph, Bex and the PTA to organise and run such an epically successful fair last week. I think we succeeded in showing the community that Rāwhiti School is the place to be. I was overwhelmed with pride and can't praise the PTA enough. Our community stepped up also and filled in all the small roles that were required to host such an event. And the \$20,000+ money raised is extraordinary.

As a board we have had a busy year getting our grounds developed which aids children and teachers with essential physical and social skills. Our school really does provide a great deal more than most other schools in terms of activities and opportunities for our children.

Next year we will be having board elections and the board will be looking for new members. If you think this might be of interest to you, do approach one of the current board members or myself to get further information. We will host several information evenings next year.

I would like to give special mention to some special staff who are moving on; to either retirement or new schools:

- **Sue Tait** and **Diane Gowland** who have been on staff forever it seems—how will we cope without you?
- To **Amy Parish, Vicki Stevenson, Clare Byers, Amy Flammer, Rachel Keenan, Carolynne Som** and **Clowance**. Thank you for all your hard work at our school.

I want to wish you all the best for the holiday season and look forward to hearing about holiday adventures on our return to the school year in 2019.

Arohanui

**Jen Evans**

***Chairperson Rāwhiti School Board of Trustees***

**Cleaning Vacancy, Term 1 2019**

There is a cleaning vacancy coming up here at Rāwhiti School from Term 1 2019. It will include all normal cleaning duties and is for approximately 2.5 hours each day Monday to Friday. Start time is flexible and can be negotiated for successful candidate. Contact Gary on 027 7557822 if you would like to apply.