



Newsletter #2 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 22 February 2019

E ara ake ana i te ūruhi
Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou, February 22nd is a date that will forever be etched in our memory and today, on this 8th anniversary, our thoughts are with those members of our school community still suffering from the effects of the earthquake.

Don't forget the Red Zone Stories workshops here at school next week on the 27th and 28th. There will be morning and afternoon sessions and we'll put the times on our Facebook page as soon as they have been confirmed. This looks to be a really positive project and an opportunity for people to share their memories and stories of where they used to live.

Many thanks to you all for your support of our mufti day last Friday in support of the families of Wakefield School. We were proud to be able to send them \$574.80 to be used in a way that they see fit to support their children and school community as life slowly gets back to normal. We have also posted some lovely letters of support written by children of all ages. Peter Verstappen, Wakefield School principal, sent me the following message, thanking our school for its generosity.

"We are back at school today and gathering up the pieces of our year, our kids and our community. You know better than anybody what that is like. Wakefield is still under a 'prepare to evacuate' order, so we have buses and drivers parked at the gate to clear us out at a moment's notice should the smoke and flames return. The risk of that reduces with each passing day so I am sure we will be fine, but it's pretty stressful for some of our people. The bigger story long term is the drought, which is beginning to severely bite the local economy and we already have families out of work or on reduced incomes."

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Mark Your Calendar

FEBRUARY

- 25th Free Dance Fit Class (Hall)
- 27th Out of zone enrolments close at 4pm
- 27th BOT meeting
- 27-28 Red Zone Stories sessions
- 28th PTA AGM/meeting

MARCH

- 1st Whole school assembly
- 5th Y4-8 swimming sports
- 6th Walk or Wheel to School Day
- 11th Y8 Girls self defence
- 13th Zone swimming, Jellie Park
- 15th Camp fees to be paid
- 18th Y8 Girls self defence
- 18-20 Y5 camp—Waipara
- 20-22 Y6 camp—Waipara
- 25th Y8 Girls self defence

APRIL

- 4th Canterbury swimming
- 12th Last day of term 1
- 29th Term 2 begins



From The Principal continued ...

Peter and I will work together now to connect our children via our school blogs and some Skype calls.

Scooters and Skateboards

We are working hard with our children on the concept that the scooters and skateboards in the school racks are not available for use on a 'help yourself' basis. Please help us by reinforcing this message at home. If your child comes home with a scooter (or any other item for that matter) that does not belong to them please ensure they return it to school. We have installed top quality racks that have the capacity to secure both scooters and skateboards with a lock. Many children are now locking their scooters and they no longer have to worry about someone taking it without their permission.

Leaving Early

We understand that from time to time children need to be collected early from school if they have an appointment to get to. It is essential that children leaving before 3pm are signed out at the school office, using the VisTab system. All children will need the parent to be with them when they sign out. This system links directly to our attendance registers and it is what we rely on in the event of an emergency (fire drill and the like) to determine who is and isn't on site. Please don't tell children to just meet you at the gate – you, their caregiver, must come to the office and sign out. Within the next couple of weeks we will be practising both our fire drill and lock down procedures.

Board of Trustees (BOT) Elections

These are scheduled for June and we have a number of long serving board members who will not be standing for re-election. If you are interested in getting involved but are not really sure what being on the BOT involves then you might like to come along to this terms board meetings and see what we are working on.

We have two meetings scheduled: Wednesday February 27th at 6.30pm and Wednesday April 3rd at 6.30pm. Please feel free to come and see me if you would like to find out more.

Out of Zone Enrolments

Enrolments for out of zone students for Term 2 will be closing on Wednesday 27th February 2019 at 4pm. Please remember that if you live out of zone and currently have children attending Rāwhiti School and you have a new entrant that will be starting, you will still need to complete an out of zone enrolment before the deadline. Feel free to contact the office for any clarification.

Ngā mihi nu nui ki a koutou

Liz Weir

Principals Awards Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki

Rongo Ma Tane

Lilia P
Anika Cole
Faolan
Azaliyah
Sanchia
Ben M
Jaxon B
Chelsea
Noah L



Tawhitimatea

Baylee R
Bella L

Ata Hapara

Emma-Rose

School Notices – Ngā pānui a te kura

Red Zone Stories

The Red Zone Stories team are collecting people's memories and feelings about the areas along the Avon-Ōtākaro river that are now part of the red zone and you can be involved in this project here at Rāwhiti School next week. Check out our Facebook page to see a video about the project, or you can check it out on You Tube <https://youtu.be/dNhluK7dqM>

Updating Your Contact Details

If you have not already done so, please return the contact details form that was handed out at the Getting Connected meetings on Jan 31st.

It is vital that we have up to date details on file (especially with BOT elections coming up) so if there has been a change of address, email or phone number then please make sure we know about it.

Also if we should have a 2nd caregivers details who lives at a different address and they're not on the form, please ensure they get in touch with us to advise their details.

Parenting Orders

It is important the school has all current Parenting Orders. We are legally required to follow these orders and can only follow the order not a caregivers interpretation. If your order has been updated in the last 12 months and you have not given us a copy please do so.

We treat all this information confidentially.

Free Dance Fit Class

The PTA is excited to announce a free class for parents with Fiona Dempsey, one of the school Mum's here at Rāwhiti.



The class will be held next Monday 25th February at 9.15am in the school hall. Just drop your kids into class and come and do 45 minutes of fun exercise.

If we get enough interest we might get Fi to come back on other mornings. So do let us know via pta@rawhiti.school.nz if you are keen but can't make it on the 25th, and we'll see if we can schedule Fi for another date.

Wheels At School

Children are encouraged to bring their wheels to school – bikes, scooters, skateboards or ripsticks and ride them in a safe manner. Having wheels at school is a privilege not a right. Please ensure that all items are named and understand that they **come to school at the owners risk**. It is advisable to lock scooters and bikes.



Bicycles

We believe that children must know the Road Code and have the skills for safe cycling. We remind parents that the New Zealand Transport Agency and The New Zealand Police recommended age for cycling to school is 10.



We strongly recommend that children do not ride to school unaccompanied until they are in Year 5 or above. If parents allow their child to ride to school, they take responsibility for their cycling safety.

Children who cycle to school must wear approved safety helmets. Bicycles can be left in the cycle stands during the school day at the risk of the owner. Bicycles may be ridden up the west boundary path and on the bike track at the rear of the school apart from that they must be walked within the school grounds unless children are participating in a supervised cycling activity.

Uniform

Wearing the Rāwhiti uniform is compulsory and is an important part of helping children develop a sense of belonging to their school. Please ensure **all items of clothing are labelled** so lost items can be returned to their owner.

A reminder that children are to wear plain black lower-half items - shorts, skirts, skorts, tracksuit pants, cargo pants or other school style trousers.

The following are not permitted: Jeans, casual 'drop crotch' pants, items made of lace, leather or vinyl.

Hats are compulsory for Term 1. If children do not have a hat they will only be allowed to play under the shaded veranda area during break times.

Walk Or Wheel To School Day—Wed 6th March

Rāwhiti School is once again participating in this Christchurch City Council initiative. It is aimed at being a fun day that encourages primary school children and their families to walk, cycle, scoot or skate to school. Research shows that active travel to school makes children more alert and ready to face the school day than if they had arrived in a car: walking, cycling or scooting to school wakes up the mind and body.

If you live too far away, you can still join in. Just park a short distance from school and walk or wheel the rest of the way. Also, one lucky kid could win a brand new bike! Listen to More FM from 25 February – 5 March for your chance to win. There's plenty of spot prizes on the day as well.



Rāwhiti Success

Congratulations to Carmen who got up on the surfboard after her first lesson!



Accounts

School accounts have been emailed, or sent home, today with your child. We thank you for your support in contributing towards your child's school activities.

You are welcome to make small weekly payments if this is more manageable for you and your family. The school office has eftpos available or you may find internet banking more convenient. Please put your child's name as your reference.
Bank account: 12-3240-0211804-01.

Thank you to those who have paid school activity costs in 2018. If there is an activity cost owing from 2018 we would appreciate if you would make arrangements to pay this as soon as possible.

Technicraft Activity Fees

Technicraft costs for 2019 are \$18.75 per term or \$75.00 for the full year. The activity fee covers the cost of materials used by your child for the items they make at Technicraft on Thursday when they attend the Linwood College Technology Centre. The cost of the bus transport to Technicraft is funded by the Ministry of Education. The buses leave school at 8.30am so please make sure your child is at school early on a Thursday.

Year 5 & 6 Waipara Camp

Our Year 5 & 6 students will enjoy their annual school camp this year to be held at Waipara. The cost for camp is \$165.00 and is due for full payment by March 15th.

Mindful Mover Sessions for All Students in 2019

Since 2017 we have had the team from Mindful Mover, Erica and Johanna, working with us here at Rāwhiti School teaching us how to bring mindfulness routines into the school day for student and teacher wellbeing. For each of the past two years they have run trial programmes in a couple of our studios and we are super-excited this year to have them back to work with every child in the school across the year for two 30 minute sessions each term. Up until this point the school has funded the entire cost of these sessions however we are simply not funded to continue doing this. We will be heavily subsidising this and asking you to contribute just \$2.50 per term, or \$10.00 for the full year. Sessions are underway, so remember to ask your child how this is going.

Maths Whizz - Tāwhirimātea students

This year our Tāwhirimātea students will be participating in Maths Whizz. This activity cost is \$5 per term or \$20 for the full year. For more info about this please contact the studio teachers.

You are welcome to pay the full year contribution for any of the above activities, or you may wish to pay the term contribution.

If you have any concerns or questions relating to your child's school activities costs please contact Cheryl in the school office.

Notice of the Annual General Meeting of Rāwhiti PTA, to be held on Thursday 28th February, 7.30pm in the Rāwhiti School staffroom

The PTA plays an important part in the school community, and all whanau of Rāwhiti School are invited to come to our AGM and first PTA meeting of the year. This is your chance to hear and see how the funds you have helped to raise have been used for the benefit of the children at Rāwhiti School.

If you are interested in 'helping us help the school' then come along on February 28th. There are jobs that take no more than a couple of hours a month and some that are more involved but on a short-term basis. It's as much or as little as you want.

We expect the AGM to take approximately 10-20 minutes with the following agenda:

- Review the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
- Chairpersons' report on the activities over the last year
- Receive the balance sheet and income and expenditure for the past year
- Elect the officers and other ordinary members of the Executive Committee (see nomination form below)
- Resolve to donate funds to Rāwhiti School to cover 50% of the costs of the new climbing frame
- Appoint a suitably qualified person to review the organisation's accounts.

Following the AGM we will have a regular PTA meeting, discussing general business for the start of 2019. We are not thinking of holding a Fair this year, just some fun events for parents. It's a good year to join and have some fun!

RAWHITI PTA NOMINATION FORM – 2019

Nominee's Name:

Contact Details (if known):

I wish, or the nominee wishes, to be considered for the following position(s):

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| ◇ Chairperson (2 positions) | ◇ Treasurer (2 positions) |
| ◇ Minutes Secretary | ◇ Communications Secretary |
| ◇ Ordinary Committee Member | |

**Nomination Forms (available at the office) must be dropped into the school office before
3pm on 28th February 2019**

11th February, 2019

www.mindfulmover.co.nz



Dear parents,

We are looking forward to working with your children at Rawhiti this year. Through our work with you last year, we learnt about your school culture and particular needs and have personalised our curriculum to reflect this.

We will be providing two classes per term based upon the following themes:

Connection to your body paying attention to sensory experience, checking in and paying attention to how your body feels.

Connection to the brain learning about how the brain works, learning how to focus and be still. Learning growth mindset.

Connection to the heart learning to identify and cope with emotions. How to be kind to yourself especially in hard times. Learning your personal strengths and positive self talk.

Connection to others how to respond wisely instead of reacting. Being kind to others and complimenting their strengths and working as a team.

If you are interested in mindfulness and how this may benefit you at home - look out for the PTA sessions for Parents to experience mindfulness first hand.

If you have any questions or concerns about our programme, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kindest,

Johanna (021 1828212) and Erica (027 6622497)

info@mindfulmover.co.nz

www.mindfulmover.co.nz

<https://www.facebook.com/mindfulmover.nz/>

What is mindfulness?

Mindfulness is paying attention to ourselves and others with a sense of kindness and understanding. Mindfulness is both a state and a practice. You can show mindful qualities in your daily life and you can also intentionally practice mindfulness techniques. A mindful classroom environment is regulated, respectful and connected.

Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori

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Shirley Rugby League Registrations

Registration Day for Shirley Rugby League is on **Sunday 24th February at 11am to 1pm** at 33 Briggs Road. Skills Day, meet some of our coaches, free sausage sizzle. Junior fees \$40 plus a Registration pack (conditions apply). Contact Rochelle for more information on 0211335437.

Art Competition (Part of Ray White New Brighton Duke Festival of Surfing)

The theme this year is “My Perfect Brighton Day” - you can interpret this however you like. You can do anything in the frame (draw, paint, collage, embroider, tie-dye.....). The prizes for each age group are Paper Plus vouchers. 1st Prize \$50, 2nd Prize \$30 and 3rd Prize \$20 Gift Vouchers.

The winners will be on display in the Paper Plus PO Box lobby during the festival and will be announced at the Opening Night.



Free Outdoor Movie Night (Part of Ray White New Brighton Duke Festival of Surfing)

Friday 15th March, 5pm – 10pm, New Brighton Amphitheatre. FREE, family friendly event - come and join us for FINDING NEMO and THE ENDLESS SUMMER. BYO cushions, blankets, picnic and join us under the stars for a night to remember!

Netball and Football at Parklands United

Come and play netball and football at Parklands United. Online registrations are now open for both netball and football for the 2019 season. If you are wanting to know more about the club and what we offer, then please visit or come down to our info day on **Saturday 23rd February 12pm—1.30pm** at our clubrooms at 75 Queenspark Drive. For more information and to register please visit www.parklandsunited.co.nz



Dyspraxia Support

We are a non-profit organisation providing information, education and support to all people impacted by DCD/dyspraxia. Our organisation started in 1992 and formed our Fun Groups in 1994.

We have three Fun Groups aimed at different ages groups which we run on Saturdays during term time.: Funlink 5-10 years, Funtween 10-13 year and Funteen 13 – 18 year of age.

The groups participate in a programme put together and delivered by our team of enthusiastic supervisors. If you have a child or teen or know a child or teen with DCD/dyspraxia that would like to come and see if the group is for them please contact Sue on 358 3249 or email dyspraxia.centre@xtra.co.nz.

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Are you a parent/guardian concerned about how your child uses the internet or mobile phone?

Cybercrime is a very real issue facing families in NZ, but there are easy practical steps to reduce the risk. **Queenspark School** invites you to a presentation on the issues associated with the inappropriate use of computers, mobile phones and the internet.

INTERNET HEALTH AND WELLBEING PRESENTATION

WITH JOHN PARSONS

New Zealand's leading authority on Safeguarding children online. John is a published author and signed copies of his book *Keeping Your Children Safe Online* will be available during the day and evening sessions.

Venue: Queenspark School Main Hall

Date: Thursday 7th March

Start Time: 6:30 to 8:00 pm – FREE ENTRY!

Queenspark School PTA Sponsored Event 2019. Every attendee will receive a free raffle ticket. There will be several raffles. See you there!

This book is a must read for any parent wanting to develop resiliency in their child and to empower them in today's hyper-connected world"

SIR GORDON TIETJENS KNZM



www.s2e.co.nz

Topics covered

- Online grooming.
- Sexting.
- Damaged reputations.
- Cyber bullying.
- Reputation Management.
- Learning to report & report.
- Future proofing for employment.

Educating young people to understand the value of identity is the first step to using ICT safely and ethically

Educating young people to respect and protect friends and family identity is the second step



Can you provide a safe, stable home for tamariki until it's safe for them to return home?

All children need a place where they can feel at home, with their wider whānau or caregivers who can give them aroha, a place of belonging and connection with family, whakapapa, and culture

There's no doubt being a caregiver can be hard, but the rewards can be amazing. Your aroha can make all the difference.

Come along to our Christchurch Information Session to find out more about the different ways that you can care for tamariki.



Our next session is on:
Tuesday, 12 March
6.00 – 8.00pm

Grand Central Building,
161 Cashel Street,
Christchurch.



Or get in touch anytime on
0508 CARERS (0508 227 377)
www.orangatamariki.govt.nz

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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS
 MULTI-SPORT PROGRAMME

Programmes run weekly on one day a week for one hour.

This term we will focus on the following sports:

- ✓ Athletics
- ✓ Ultimate Frisbee
- ✓ Cricket
- ✓ Touch Rugby

Programmes begin from 18th February

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

For year 0 – 6 students.

DUE TO TARGETED FUNDING ACCESS THIS 7 WEEK PROGRAMME FOR JUST \$55

Addington School - Mon, 3.10pm to 4.10pm
 Banks Ave School - Tues, 3.10pm to 4.10pm
 Hornby School - Fri, 3.10pm to 4.10pm
 Lyttelton Primary School Tues, 3.10pm-4.10pm
 Parkview School - Wed, 3pm - 4pm
 Rawhiti School - Fri, 3.10pm to 4.10pm
 Riccarton School - Mon, 3.10pm to 4.10pm
 Thorntington - Mon Lunch, 12.40pm to 1.30pm
 Westburn - Fri, 3.10pm to 4.10pm
 Wigram Primary - Thurs, 3.10pm to 4.10pm

BOOK EARLY & SAVE

Use the voucher code 'earlybird' before 13th February to save!

Website: <https://www.kellysports.co.nz>
Contact: Julia Smith (administrator)
Email: chcheast@kellysports.co.nz
Phone: 021 0814 8755
Facebook: www.facebook.com/KSportsCHCH

KELLY SPORTS
BOOK ONLINE NOW AT [KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ](https://www.kellysports.co.nz)

Have A Go Bowls—Parklands

The Pukeko Centre have brought back their bowls "Have a Go" session for Term 1, 2019.

SESSION DETAILS:

Dates: Thursday 28th February, Thursday 7th March, Thursday 14th March and Thursday 21st March.

Location: Pukeko Centre 30 Chadbury Street, Parklands

Time: 3.30 pm till 4.30 pm

Who: Year 5 – 8 students

Cost: FREE

For parents to sign up send an email to sam@pukekocentre.co.nz with their child's name and age. They do not have to commit to all four sessions.



Drama Classes

The Canvas Bag Drama School South Brighton is taking enrolments for 2019. Ask about a free trial class. Drama gives children a chance to develop imagination and confidence in a playful social environment.

Experience leadership, comedy, improvisation, costumes, laughter, friends, and wrap it all up with a fabulous performance in term four. All of our tutors are qualified teachers.

Classes run on Thursdays: 5 to 7 year olds 3.30
8 to 12 year olds 4.30

For more information: please email info@canvasbag.nz or Contact Gina Fowler 022 351 2519 or visit our website www.canvasbag.nz

2019 SUMMER EVENING ORIENTEERING Sprint Series

A fun race or walk around Christchurch's schools and parks with a map. Come and have some fun in the park at the 2019 Summer Sprint Series.

Tuesday 19 February: Avonside High School
Tuesday 26 February: St Andrews College / Heaton
Tuesday 5 March: New South Brighton School / Domain
Tuesday 12 March: North Hagley Park

Start: Registration from 5pm starts from 5.30pm
Fees: Enter on the day
All welcome: Courses for all abilities
Info: papo.org.nz/

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papo.org.nz

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KIA ORA AND WELCOME TO THE LINWOOD RUGBY CLUB!

The rugby season is just about upon us and we would love to have you and your family at our club. If you would like to play rugby for Linwood or if you have any questions, please feel free to attend one of our registration days.

Sunday 17th February 12pm – 2pm

Saturday 23rd February 11am – 1pm

All registration days are going to be held at the Linwood Rugby Club located at 56 Kearneys Road.

Subscriptions for 2019 are \$60.00/player and \$30.00 each additional child.

All new players to the club are required to bring Birth Certificate or passport

To speed up the process please register online at www.sporty.co.nz/linwoodrugby and then attend one of our registration days to be weighed.

Please note that your online registration is not complete until you come in to have your weight recorded (U8 – U12 only)

EFTPOS will be available for payment of Subs

HOST FAMILIES URGENTLY REQUIRED

NZIIU requires caring kiwi families to host Japanese students (15 – 16yrs) based at Chisnallwood Intermediate School 12 – 24 March 2019.

Families need to transport their student to and from school each week day during school hours. Board will be paid.

All host families are subject to police vetting. For more details please contact John 027 329 6767 or 0800 694 486