



Newsletter #4 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 22 March 2019

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

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou, As the stories of bravery and love filter out to us from the media, I am heartened by people's ability to find the best in horrible situations. Today we had a day of focusing on kindness here at school. Our message to the children was a very simple one – that kindness is free therefore we can show it to others in abundance. Our children wrote messages of kindness and attached these to lollipops which today have been given out to our community, our children, parents and younger siblings who were at school, and our neighbours at the early childhood centre. A group of our senior students went to the New Brighton mall, library and play areas to offer these to members of our wider community. The remainder have been taken to the main memorial site on Rolleston Ave and left for people visiting there.

We continue to reach out to our families to offer our support and add our heartfelt condolences to those who have lost loved ones. Our beautiful city has been through some incredibly traumatic times and many of us are struggling to come to terms with the events of last Friday. As a school leader and a proud Cantabrian my heart is broken that such a tragic act of violence could happen in our city. I stand united with our staff, tamariki and hopefully all of NZ in upholding our schools values of Resilience, Integrity, and Empathy – this week they seem more important and relevant than ever before.

Thank you to all of you who have reached out to our staff this week and showered us with words of kindness and support – your words and actions have meant a lot to us. I too wish to

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Mark Your Calendar

MARCH

- 25th Y8 Girls self defense
- 26th Welcome to Rāwhiti School Party
- 26th 5.30pm BOT info session
6.30pm BOT meeting
- 26-28 Learning conversations
- 27th PTA meeting

APRIL

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

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ONE KIND WORD
can change
someone's
entire day



From The Principal continued ...

acknowledge and give praise and thanks to our amazing teachers, teacher aides and office staff who showed professionalism, calmness and an abundance of care for your children while they were in the extended lock down on Friday afternoon. Sadly some staff also had to deal with aggressive and threatening behaviour and language from some of our parent community. As government employees we must comply at all time with the instructions of the NZ Police and we will do so again if and when required.

At school, we have been following the advice given to us by the Ministry of Education's experts and this has been working well. This may be of use to you at home as well. They tell us to:

- Keep routines as normal as possible.
- Provide reassurance that the event is over and that they are safe.
- Stay calm and promote a calm environment .
- Limit and monitor exposure to the internet and news sources.
- Do enjoyable things.
- Make sure the information you give children is factual and age appropriate.
- Take time to listen and talk.

A range of other support resources have been sent to the school. Please contact Kim in the office if you would like the links.

Lock Down Procedures

As with any major incident at school, we automatically review our procedures and look to make changes in case we are ever placed in this situation again. We know that the process of releasing children at the end of an extended lockdown needs to be looked at, along with the methods of communication we use to ensure that our messages get to as many people as possible. Once we have reported to the Board of Trustees we will be able to feedback to our community.

Rāwhiti School App

Our school App proved to be an effective way to communicate with parents and whanau last Friday. If you have not yet downloaded this then please do so over the weekend. It is free to all users, and you can select which notifications you wish to receive. You can find the instructions for accessing the App further on in this newsletter.

Learning Conversations for Years 2-8

These will go ahead next week as scheduled so it is essential that you book in a time using the online booking system. Teachers are available Monday through Thursday, by appointment.

Yesterday I visited our Year 4-6 camp at Waipara. What a joy it was to see our children enjoying themselves, supporting each other and genuinely laughing together and having fun. I found it to be very restorative, after a week filled with significant challenges.

I wish you all a calm and restful weekend.

Ngā mihi nu nui ki a koutou, Liz Weir



Principals Awards Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki



Rongo mā Tane

Mackenzie H, Harper, Ruby Z, Tyler W, George W, Liam C, AJ, Mira, Carys x2, Sophia-Jane x2, Kobe, Jamahni, Hunter S x2, Niko, Luca C, Liam, James P

Ata Hapara

Lakeisha, Trey, Ihaia

Ex-Rawhiti Students At The EOY Awards 2018 at Mairehau High School

It's good to see some of our ex-Rawhiti students are still doing well now that they've moved on to high school.

Special Awards -Piper Nolan, Neco Matthews & Sophie Hawley

Y9 Studentship Award - Kiara Clark

Y10 Studentship Award - Tiana Cathro, Neco Matthews, Tyrone Patterson, Anna Prior

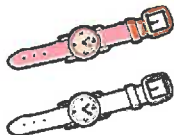
Y9 Excellence Awards - Aaron Prior, Kane Coxon-Barrington, Kiara Clark

Y10 Excellence Awards - Neco Matthews, Piper Nolan, Holly Houghton, Tiana Cathro, Tyrone Patterson

Premier Award - Tyrone Patterson

Found Watches

If your child has lost a watch recently we have a small collection of watches that have been found at the swimming pool changing sheds. See Kim in the office.



School Notices – Ngā pānui a te kura

Zone Swimming

Congratulations to the following students who placed at the Zone Swimming competitions held recently. The top 3 in each event will go on to the Canterbury Swimming champs on the 4th of April (except relays—only 1st place moves on).

Year 5

Anika Rudolph—1st Freestyle
Emily Coetzee—2nd Backstroke
Reuben Sagers—3rd Breaststroke

Year 6

Miriam Robinson—2nd Freestyle

Year 7

Nicholas Coetzee—1st Freestyle, 2nd Breaststroke
Charlotte Thompson, Ashur Lane, Nevaeh Burke, Nicholas Coetzee—2nd in the Relay

Year 8

Willow Benjamin—3rd Freestyle
Tom Robertson—3rd Freestyle, 1st Breaststroke



Lunches Online



A reminder that you can order Sushi on Tuesday and Subway on Thursday for your children.

Go to
www.lunchonline.co.nz
and follow the prompts.



Learning Conversations Bookings Open

Don't forget learning conversations are now open for 26-28 March for all classes except Rongo mā tane.

Go online to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz> and the code is: **kujdr**

If you don't have access to a computer, contact Kim in the office to make a booking for you.

Nicole will contact parents in Rongo mā tane when it is time for you to book your appointments.

Updating Your Emergency Contact Details

It is essential that we have emergency contact details on file for all children. You can add friends and family as emergency contact details at any time by contacting Kim in the school office.

How to access the school App.

Accessing our School App



We frequently use the School App to communicate with parents. It is a free App that you download onto your smartphone and it enables us to send messages, newsletters, and other alerts to our parents.

Search in the App Store or Google Play, or scan the following:



<https://goo.gl/10QqDW>



<https://goo.gl/SpR596>

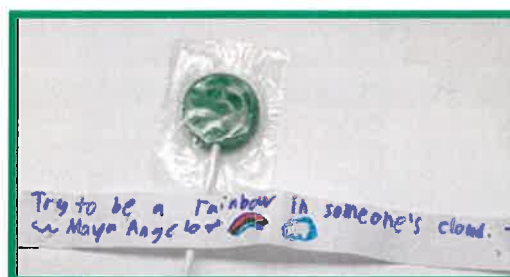


Resources Needed Please

Bella-Aroha in Haumia-tiketike is creating a wearable arts piece and is looking for recycled materials to use. If anyone has any fabrics or any recycled materials no matter how strange please take them to the bilingual unit. She is looking to create a piece for the wearable arts at the Cultural Festival.

Kindness Day Today

Yesterday our classes spent some time thinking of kind thoughts and they created quotes which were stuck to a green or white lollipop being the colours of peace but also of significance to the Muslim Community. We have decided to deliver these 'acts of kindness' to our community and show that we are all one. Some of our older students will be out and about in our own community this afternoon sharing some kindness and any remaining will be taken to the wall of flowers in town.



Our School Has A Star!

This morning the PTA presented us with a certificate showing that as of last Friday we own our own star—Nga Whetu o Rawhiti! The framed certificate will be hung at the school for you to view. For those star gazing enthusiasts amongst us the coordinates are listed so you can get your telescope out and look for yourself!!



The message from the PTA reads,:

"On the darkest day in our city, you all shone brightly. You are the real stars for our tamariki!"



Walk or Wheel To School Winners!

We found out earlier this week that Rāwhiti School is the lucky winner of the photo competition from "Walk or Wheel To School Day"!



We have won 1 full day (6 hours) of Pedalmania. More details will follow but well done to everyone that walked or wheeled to school on that day!

Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori

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Feels like family

**Mother's Day
Fun Run**

9:00am | Sunday 12th May, 2019
South Hagley Park - Deans Ave, Christchurch

Join us for a run, walk or stroll this Mother's Day.

It'll be a great start to the day and you'll be doing your bit to help beat heart disease.

All participants will receive an event t-shirt designed by Dick Frizzell.

Register online at jennianmothersday.com

Jennian HOMES | **Heart Foundation** for women



Edible Canterbury invites you to a free event
School Gardening Hui

4 workshops:

- Bee Awesome - Hayley Guglietta
- How does your garden grow - Bill Martin (Lincoln University)
- Permaculture - Niki Jones
- Storytelling with Michael Reynolds and Robin Arnold

New Brighton Community Garden
136 Shaw Ave, New Brighton, Christchurch
Tuesday 26 March, 10am – 1pm
No cost

To register for this event, please email Debbie.Baugh@cdhb.health.nz



Edible Canterbury
Local food for local communities



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KELLY SPORTS
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
 Mon 15 to Fri 26 April

Join us for a fun-filled School Holiday Programme including Winter Sports Warm Ups, Lots of Sports, Awesome Games & **MUCH MORE!**

Some activities may need to be swapped for other exciting ones. On online, check out a full programme available for your school.

OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE! Conditions apply BOOK ONLINE NOW AT
KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ

CASPA After School & Holiday Programme

CASPA April Holiday programmes are filling fast.
 Please book online via caspa.aimyplus.com

<p>◀ We provide a safe, creative environment for 5-13 year olds. Our leaders are trained</p>	<p>A range of fun activities Kids just LOVE it!</p>	<p>8am-3pm short session 8am-6pm long session</p>	 <p>Creative After School Programmed Activities</p>
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CALL US NOW!
 p: 03 349 9260 or 027 352 1638 e: info@caspa.org.nz W: www.caspa.org.nz

Subsidies Apply

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SKids
Safe Kids In Daily Supervision

Parkview School
10 Chadbury Street, Parklands, Christchurch,
New Zealand

Holiday Programme

Trip Day 07:00 am - 05:45 pm \$60.00
Full Day 07:00 am - 05:45 pm \$50.00
Short Day 07:00 am - 03:00 pm \$40.00

<p>Craft Crazyness</p> <p>Mon 15 Apr</p>  <p>Make your own Unicorn dream catcher and try out your clock making skills</p>	<p>TRIP DAY - Mega Air</p> <p>Tue 16 Apr</p>  <p>Trampoline fun and a movie in the afternoon</p>	<p>My Kitchen Rules</p> <p>Wed 17 Apr</p>  <p>Plan your own restaurant, create a menu and decorate it with your own theme</p>	<p>Easter Fun</p> <p>Thu 18 Apr</p>  <p>Come join us in doing a easter egg hunt and making easter cards and other crafts</p>	<p>No Activity</p> <p>Fri 19 Apr</p>  <p>Celebrate Good Friday with your family</p>
<p>No Activity</p> <p>Mon 22 Apr</p> <p>EASTER MONDAY</p> <p>Celebrate Easter Monday with your family</p>	<p>Willy Wonka Day</p> <p>Tue 23 Apr</p>  <p>Be one of our Clompo Loomps in our very own chocolate factory</p>	<p>Anzac Day</p> <p>Wed 24 Apr</p>  <p>Let's not forget Poppies and Anzac biscuit creations</p>	<p>No Activity</p> <p>Thu 25 Apr</p>  <p>Anzac Day celebrating our heroes</p>	<p>Wacky Friday</p> <p>Fri 26 Apr</p>  <p>Show us your wacky hair style, make your scooter wacky and join us in playing wacky sports games</p>

No cancellation accepted since the holiday programme has started. Payment is for bookings and not attendance.
For more information, call +64-210784064 or email parkview@skids.co.nz



M.A.S.H
MY AFTER SCHOOL HEADQUARTERS

COWLES STADIUM
Pages Road Wainoni

April Holidays

Cowles Holiday Programme Intro Price
08:00 am - 06:00 pm \$30.00
Trip fees extra as advertised

Christchurch City Council

<p>Sense-National Day</p> <p>Mon 15 Apr</p>  <p>Look, Listen and Touch Today we are experimenting with all our senses! Let's have a sense national day at MASH!</p>	<p>Imagination Station</p> <p>Tue 16 Apr</p>  <p>Tens of thousands of Lego blocks in many options, what will you make? The trip today is off to Imagination Station. \$5 Trip Fee.</p>	<p>British Bonanza</p> <p>Wed 17 Apr</p>  <p>Today isn't just about a scene and a cup of tea, we're diving into all things British today. Thank food, history and culture!</p>	<p>Antarctic Centre</p> <p>Thu 18 Apr</p>  <p>We are off to meet the penguins and the huskies today, all while learning about Antarctica! \$15 Trip Fee.</p>	<p>Easter Friday</p> <p>Fri 19 Apr</p>  <p>It's a public holiday so enjoy the day off! :)</p>
<p>Easter Monday</p> <p>Mon 22 Apr</p> <p>Easter Monday</p> <p>It's a public holiday so enjoy the day off! :)</p>	<p>Top Team</p> <p>Tue 23 Apr</p>  <p>We're getting well and wide for today! Joining with Top Team, don't forget to pack a spare change of clothes! \$10 Trip Fee.</p>	<p>ANZAC Celebrations</p> <p>Wed 24 Apr</p>  <p>A day to remember and a day to be proud! We are going to be creating all things ANZAC, including baking peppy cookies.</p>	<p>ANZAC Day</p> <p>Thu 25 Apr</p>  <p>Let's not forget!</p>	<p>Awesome Autumn Party</p> <p>Fri 26 Apr</p>  <p>The leaves are falling, and we are partying! All things Autumn today for our MASH party. Don't forget to bring a plate for the shared lunch!</p>

For more information call 03 3669408 or email us at cowles@mashkids.co.nz.

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