



Newsletter #3 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 8 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, Thank you for supporting the 'Walk or Wheels To School' day on Wednesday. What a difference it made to the parking issues outside the school – perhaps we should make every day a Walk or Wheels to School day?!



This newsletter contains important information about an upcoming early closing and how to book a time for a Learning Conversation with your child and their teachers. Please do read on.



Early Closing Wed 20th March

The union for primary school teachers, the NZEI, has called a union meeting during school time on

Wednesday 20th March. Our local meeting is at 2pm at Queenspark School and all teachers who are NZEI members will be off site at this time.

This means that we require parents to collect children from school at **1.30pm** on that day. For those returning from camp, they will return at normal time as their teachers will not be attending this meeting. If picking up your child/ren at 1.30pm is impossible please notify Kim in the office as soon as possible so that we can arrange supervision for that time. We appreciate your ongoing support as we continue to negotiate for better working conditions for our teachers and better outcomes for your children.

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Mark Your Calendar

MARCH

- 11th Y8 Girls self defence
- 12th Tawhirimatea pool party
- 13th Zone swimming, Jellie Park
- 13th Tane Mahuta pool party
- 14th Tangaroa pool party
- 15th Camp fees to be paid
- 15th Junior School Tryathlon
- 18th Y8 Girls self defence
- 18-20 Y5 camp—Waipara
- 20th School closing at 1.30pm
- 20-22 Y6 camp—Waipara
- 25th Y8 Girls self defence
- 26th Board of Trustees meeting
- 26-28 Learning conversations

APRIL

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



*From The Principal continued ...***Learning Conversations (Parent Interviews) for Years 2-8**

We will be holding our first round of Learning Conversations between Tuesday 26th March and Thursday 28th March. A Learning Conversation is a conversation between the parent, the teacher and the child and is focused on everyone understanding what is happening at school for your child. A key part of the process is for your child to describe to you all of the different learning tasks he/she will be involved in. A common thread throughout research states that children should understand their own learning goals and next steps. This helps children become self-regulated, and when children are self-regulating they can take control of their learning and become intrinsically motivated to improve.

Bookings for Learning Conversations are completed online by going to:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz> and the code is **kujdr**. If you don't have access to a computer feel free to contact Kim in the office to make a booking for you. Children in Rongo mā tane follow a slightly different reporting schedule and parents will be informed of this by the teaching team.

School Donations

Each year we ask for a donation from each family to supplement the money we receive from the Government and from local fundraising. For the first time in 5 years the Board of Trustees has increased the amount of the school donation to \$60 for one child and \$100 per family. Donations are tax deductible and the office can provide you with a receipt to make this claim.

So what does that amount actually look like? Over a 40 week school year a \$60 donation equates to \$1.50 a week, just 30 cents a day. For a family attending Rāwhiti School the donation amounts to \$2.50 per week, just 50 cents per day. While this might seem like an insignificant amount, your support in this way is crucial as we endeavour to provide an extraordinary environment and extraordinary experiences for our children. Your contributions are always used to enable us to maintain activities greater than the government grants are intended for. Thank you to those who regularly support the school by paying a school donation.

Ngā mihi nu nui ki a koutou

Liz Weir

Principals Awards
Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki

**Rongo mā Tane**

Jaime R, James P, Lexie, Luca, Emil, Anameka, Elijah x2, Lilia x2, Mackenzie, Julian W, Max, Maniya, Kobe, James D, Eden, Stella, Pippa

Tawhirimatea

Baylee R
Nikita Neiao

Ata Hapara

Mihiata

School Notices – Ngā pānui a te kura**Immunisations**

We currently hold immunisation records for all students enrolled here since 2016.



If your child **IS NOT IMMUNISED**, could you please contact the school office by phone on 388-9519 or by emailing us at admin@rawhiti.school.nz.

It's important we have the correct information on file should an outbreak or any disease occur.

Updating Your Contact Details

If you have not already done so, please return the contact details sheet 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.

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 care-givers 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.

Be Safe At The School Gate

A reminder that the speed hump, on the corner of Grantley Street and Leaver Terrace, is not a pedestrian crossing. Cars **DO NOT** have to stop to give way to pedestrians here. The safest place to cross is at the designated crossing point outside the main gate. There is a teacher on duty at this crossing before school and at 3pm.



Rāwhiti Policy Review



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:

Alcohol, Drugs & Other Harmful Substances Swimming Pool

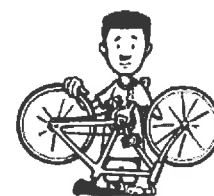
To read and review policies online, please log on to the SchoolsDocs website:

<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 Friday 23rd March 2019.

Bike Maintenance



Fix It!

Over the last couple of years we have been fortunate to have one of our parents come in once a week to do maintenance on our bikes.

His child has now moved on to High School so we are wondering if there is anyone out there that would be interested in volunteering their time to work on our bikes if they need some maintenance. It's usually just adjusting brake cables, looking at bike tyres etc.

Please contact Kim in the office if you interested in helping out.

Pool parties still to happen ...

The following pool parties will be happening for the following classes and whanau:



Tue 12th March 3pm—4.30pm Tawhitimataea
Wed 13th March 3.30pm—5.30pm Tane Mahuta
Thu 14th March 3.10pm—4.40pm Tangaroa

Shirley Boys High School

Due to the upcoming move to their new school SBHS will not be holding their annual Year 8 Day this year.

Please see below for important enrolment dates:

Open Night - 23 May
Enrolments Open - 23 May
C V Gallagher Scholarship Exam - 6 June
Enrolments Close - 26 July
Ballot Day (if required) - 30 July
Letters of Offer emailed - 30 July
Last Day for Acceptance of Place - 16 August

They will send out Open Night brochures early in term 2.

In the meantime if you have any questions regarding enrolments or the new school please contact them directly.

PO Box 27-025 | Shirley | Christchurch 8640
| PH +64 3 375-7057 EXTN 381
| www.shirley.school.nz |



SeeSaw and Hapara—what are they?

On the school accounts you might see a transaction for SeeSaw or Hapara.

What is Seesaw?

Seesaw is a platform for student engagement. Teachers can empower students to create, reflect, share, and collaborate. Students “show what they know” using photos, videos, drawings, text, PDFs, and links. It’s simple to get student work in one place and share with families, and nothing is shared without teacher approval.

At Rāwhiti School we use SeeSaw in Rongo mā tane, Papatūānuku, Ata Hāpara and for the Pasifika group.

In Papatūānuku (Year 3's only), Ata Hāpara (Year 4 to 8), Tāne mahuta, Tāwhirimātea and Tangaroa they use Hapara . Children in these studios have a gmail account.



Note Ata Hāpara are running both SeeSaw for all students and Hapara for Year's 4 to 8.

What is Hapara?

Hapara is a teacher dashboard for Y3-8 that allows easy sharing of work and assignments between students and teacher. It also allows teachers control over the digital space students are working in and helps provide a safer online environment for students to work in. As part of the programme they have access to a chrome-book, Google drive, gmail school account, internet and a personal blog.

2nd hand uniform

We have a lot of 2nd hand polar fleece jackets in size 8 and 10 available, plus a few other items including polo shirts and bottoms. If you're interested come and have a look at the office.

SUCCESS @ RAWHITI

Congratulations to Te Ana Tawhiao (in Tawhitimatea) who competed in the U13s Little Gran Prix Softball Tournament on the 3rd of March. Her team played 4 games including the final against the Rolleston Diamonds and won 11-5. They also won the Pre-Christmas competition and remain unbeaten so far this season, so they are tracking towards becoming the Canterbury Champions this year with only 3 games to go.



Camp Payments Due Fri 15th March

Camp payment is due to be paid in full by Friday 15th March. Those that have already started making payments and have made arrangements with Cheryl can continue making your payments—thank you. Please contact Cheryl if you need discuss payment options.



Learning Conversations Bookings Open

As mentioned by Liz, bookings for 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.

WALK OR WHEEL TO SCHOOL DAY

Congratulations to all those students who participated in the 'Walk or Wheel Safely to School' Day on Wednesday. Our bike stands and scooter racks were definitely fuller than normal! And there was a noticeable absence of cars on the road and many empty parking spaces!

Each year the Christchurch City Council runs this day for the purpose of encouraging families to have a go at travelling actively to school. It's also a fun way to come together as a community to promote well-being, to reduce pollution and to see what life could be like with less cars!



Children really enjoy walking, scooting or cycling to school, and arrive at school in a happier more settled frame of mind, and ready for a day of learning. Travelling actively to and from school makes a significant contribution to the important quota of daily exercise children require for their health and well-being. It also helps children to learn how to keep themselves safe on the road.

Consider making a 'Walk or Wheel to School' day a regular part of your routine.





Board Chat

Welcome to the first board chat for 2019. It's hard to believe that we're already halfway through this term yet here we are.

The board have been busy getting our latest playground development underway. It is due to be completed soon and we can't wait to see the children have yet another creative play area to chose. The Spider climbing frame that was dually funded by the PTA and the BOT is getting well used and children are enjoying the challenge it provides.

We are heading into elections for BOT parent representatives on June 7th. We are looking for new members to join our board. If you are interested in becoming a trustee then there are a few options available to you to gain the information you will need to make the decision to stand.

- Have a chat to a current member (Jen Evans, Karen Brandon, Janet Carson, Jonny Langley, Thomas Parata, Elizabeth Kazmierczak, Vanessa Manning, Cheryl Lineham or Liz Weir)
- Come in to chat with Liz and some board members at a morning tea - we'll advertise dates for these via our newsletter
- Attend an information evening held by NZSTA (NZ School Trustees Association). These meetings are being held in April in three locations across Christchurch. The nearest meeting for parents from our school is on April 9th at Haeata Community Campus from 6 to 8pm. RSVP to lshelley@nzsta.org.nz if you're interested in attending.

At our latest board meeting we took the time to honour some long standing trustees who will be retiring from the board at the next election. We wish to thank Karen Brandon, Elizabeth Kazmierczak, Janet Carson and Jonny Langley for their efforts on the Rāwhiti School board, the Establishment Board for the merger school, and both the North New Brighton and Freeville School boards. All of them were serving on board of trustees prior to and during the time of the earthquakes, and it should be noted that having this consistency during the turbulent times that followed the quakes made a huge difference to the outcome of the three merging schools and the build of Rāwhiti School.

Karen has given over 12 years of time to BOT's and much of that has been in the role of chairperson. Elizabeth Kazmierczak has been a staff representative for over 11 years. Janet and Jonny have both given over 8 years of service to their local schools.

Being a board member is a very rewarding position and a wonderful way to make a positive influence over the direction of Rāwhiti school. Please do consider becoming involved in this rewarding work.

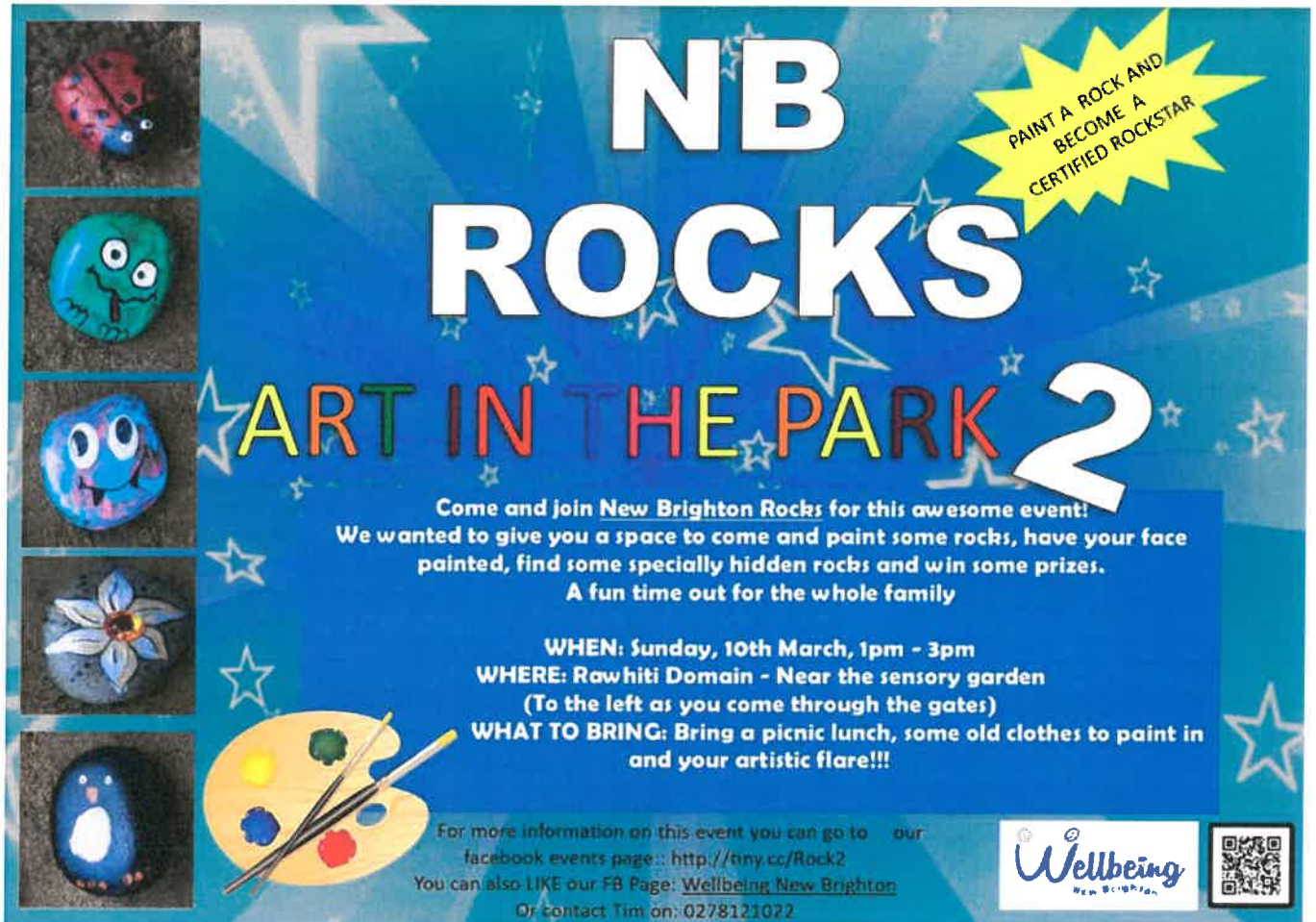
Kia ora,
Jen Evans
Board chair



Janet, Jonny, Elizabeth, Karen

Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori

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NB ROCKS

ART IN THE PARK 2


PAINT A ROCK AND BECOME A CERTIFIED ROCKSTAR

Come and join New Brighton Rocks for this awesome event!
 We wanted to give you a space to come and paint some rocks, have your face painted, find some specially hidden rocks and win some prizes.
 A fun time out for the whole family

WHEN: Sunday, 10th March, 1pm - 3pm
WHERE: Rawhiti Domain - Near the sensory garden
 (To the left as you come through the gates)
WHAT TO BRING: Bring a picnic lunch, some old clothes to paint in and your artistic flare!!!

For more information on this event you can go to our facebook events page :: <http://tiny.cc/Rock2>
 You can also LIKE our FB Page: [Wellbeing New Brighton](#)
 Or contact Tim on: 0278121022

Wellbeing
New Brighton



Beginner Youth Aerials Class

Starting 9th March 2019
 Saturdays 9am - 10am
 9 - 14 years

Silks,
 Trapeze,
 Lyra & more

\$100 for a 6 week course

www.chchcircus.co.nz

To enrol or for more information please email circustrust@gmail.com

The Christchurch Circus Centre, 146 Seaview Rd, New Brighton.



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2019 – Accepting late registrations for Parklands Rugby

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/85598> is the link for NEW members.

Existing members should have received their personalised link from Sporty beginning of February - if not, just use this link to fill in the form again.

Subs are \$75 (one child), \$120 (2 children), \$150 (3 children)

Account Name: Parklands Rugby Football Club
Account No: 03-1597-0046961-000

Please place your child's name as a reference Subs include; hoodie, mouth guard, trophy, team photograph.

First grading game is Saturday 6th April 2019.

Once you've registered please contact either; Bevan on 021505951 or email him on bevanstewart@gmail.com or Mark on 021994280 or email him on markcameronbuilders@gmail.com



Tots To Teens Magazine

This magazine is now available online. Here is the link to the March 2019 edition:

issue1902c.totstoteens.co.nz/



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Reading With Dogs At New Brighton Library

Do you have beginner readers needing a little something extra to help them on their reading journey? Libraries and schools around the world have found that by sitting down and reading to a friendly dog, a child's fear of being judged or laughed at over mistakes disappears. Over time, the child's reading ability and self-confidence improve and they begin to associate reading with a pleasant experience.

The Reading to Dogs program at New Brighton Library is designed to provide a relaxed, non-threatening atmosphere which encourages children to practise their reading skills and develop a love of reading.

The programme uses dogs who are the beloved pets of the Christchurch City Council Animal Management team. These furry friends have all been trained and tested for health, safety and temperament.

Our dogs:

- can increase a child's relaxation while reading
- listen attentively
- do not laugh, judge or criticise
- allow children to proceed at their own pace
- can be less intimidating than a child's peers



Library staff and a dog handler will be present at all times to help facilitate the sessions which are 15 minutes long. Children can bring a book from school or librarians can help them choose a book at the library.

The program is free and bookings are essential so caregivers can visit the library or ring 941-7780 to book a session.

When: 3:30-4:30pm, every Wednesday during term time

Where: New Brighton Library, 213 Marine Parade

Ph: 03-941-7780

www.christchurchcitylibraries.com

Primary school and above – measles information for school newsletters/email from the Canterbury District Health Board

March 6 2019

Since 26 February 2019, the number of cases in the latest Canterbury measles outbreak has been steadily climbing and as at 5 March we have had ten confirmed cases, with more likely to be confirmed over the next days and weeks. Some are children who have yet to complete their MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccinations, but four are adults aged between 27 and 50 who have had only one measles vaccination, which was standard practice between 1969 and 1990. Cases have now spread throughout Christchurch.

Measles is a serious and highly contagious, viral disease where up to 30 percent of those who catch it will develop complications – usually children under 5 and adults over the age of 20. Measles during pregnancy increases the risk of miscarriage, premature labour and low birth-weight in babies. Measles is spread through droplets in the air and through contact, so that anyone unprotected who has been in the same room as someone with measles will likely get it.

The surest protection is for people to have had both of their MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccinations, scheduled to be given to children at 15 months and at four years. As long as children of school age are up-to-date with their vaccinations they should be protected against measles. People vaccinated between 1969 and 1990 should contact their GP team who will provide a booster vaccination. People born before 1969 will have been exposed to measles and will be immune.

Family members who aren't sure if they have been immunised with two doses of MMR vaccine should talk to their GP team who will be able to provide a vaccination if they need it. An extra vaccination will not cause any harm.

Measles symptoms include:

- o A respiratory type of illness with dry cough, runny nose, headache
- o Temperature over 38.5 C and feeling very unwell
- o A red blotchy rash starts on day 4-5 of the illness usually on the face and moves to the chest and arms.

More information about measles is available at <http://www.immune.org.nz>

If you think a child at your school has measles, keep them away from other children until they can be collected and taken home. If they are already sick they should stay home for at least five days after symptoms such as a rash appeared. Once measles has been in your school, parents of any children who are not fully immune (2 doses of MMR) are advised to keep them home for 14 days from the likely date of exposure.