



Newsletter #5 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 5 April 2019

E ara ake ana i te ūruhi
Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Our last newsletter for the term – can you believe it? There is a lot of news and information to share so please do persevere and read on till the end.

Last Monday we celebrated the opening of the latest stage of our grounds development, Ohomauri and it is proving to be a very popular part of our playground. Ohomauri means to awaken the senses and the area provides children with opportunities to experiment with sand and water, create play experiences for themselves around a range of obstacles, or sit quietly amongst the newly planted raised garden beds.

I'm not sure if many of you can remember what our grounds looked like when we arrived here just over three years ago? Bare, barren and desolate are a few of the words that spring to my mind! Our BOT set a strategic goal of creating a vibrant and inviting environment that our children will love – and they have certainly delivered on that. We are not yet finished, and plans for redeveloping the scooter area and playground at the front of the school are already underway.



Please visit and wander around our amazing grounds, which are open all weekend.

Help us to look after the investment we have made by speaking up if there are people here not showing respect to our place, and reporting any damage that you notice.

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Mark Your Calendar

APRIL

- 9th Ata Hapara Y7/8 visit to Whare Taoka
- 12th Whole school assembly
- 12th Last day of Term 1
- 13-28 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

29th Term 2 begins

MAY

2nd PTA meeting



From The Principal— continued ...

Last week we heard that Rāwhiti School were the winners of the recent “Walk or Wheel to School” photo competition. Our school has won 6 hours of Pedalmania and everyone will be taking some time out of their day to have some pedalmania fun when they come!



The good news continued with a call to say we were also one of the winners in the Cambridge Homes Free Lunch competition. Thanks to everyone who voted for Rāwhiti School. The prize of lunch for 30 children was not going to go very far in our Learning Studios and so Cambridge Homes has very kindly sponsored our daily carbohydrate snack for the whole school for one week instead.

Next week we will be hosting the Education Review Office team who will be here to conduct our first full review. We are very much looking forward to sharing our amazing place with the review team. Teachers will be involved in a number of extra meetings next week so may not be as readily available to you after 3pm. Thank you for your understanding.

Lock Down Procedures

All schools have individual emergency plans in place to ensure they know how to manage an emergency before it occurs. The Ministry of Education, together with Christchurch Principal Associations, representatives of the early childhood sector and the NZ Police are now reviewing existing guidelines, physical logistics, and any processes that could improve lockdown practices city wide.

The Rāwhiti School BOT has already reviewed the processes used here on March 15th and we have made immediate adjustments to some of the procedures that will be used in future. These include:

- In the event of a lock down carrying on after normal school hours, all children will need to be collected from the school by a parent/caregiver or an adult that is on their emergency contact list once lockdown is lifted.
- The community will be kept informed by text and email, the School App and Facebook page.
- Updates will be sent out every 30 minutes, regardless of whether there is any new information available.

Something that will remain unchanged is that no one will be allowed into or out of the buildings.

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From The Principal ... continued

The events of March 15th have made us challenge our thinking, increase our vigilance, cherish diversity and difference and really question how inclusive as a society we are. It has made us consider if at times we have become complacent, and served as a reminder to be proactive in our care and love for people from all nationalities.

Board of Trustees Elections

If you are at all interested in standing for the Board of Trustees at the elections next term please do not hesitate to get in touch. I am always able to make time to talk with you about the role of the board and the vital work they do in our school. The New Zealand School Trustees Association is also hosting an information evening next Tuesday at 6pm and I would be more than happy to accompany anyone who is interested in attending – please just let me know.

Staff News

We would like to acknowledge Sharyn Brook - one of our amazing teacher aides. Sharyn started working at North New Brighton school in 1993 so has just reached her 25th anniversary with us so we are celebrating this with her today. Thank you Sharyn—you consistently do an amazing job with our kids.



On a sadder note, Lauren Yaxley has accepted a teaching position at Te Waka Unua School. The BOT has advertised for a replacement, but it will not be easy to find someone with Lauren's talents and ability to connect with children. We will farewell Lauren early in the new term.

My best wishes to you all for the upcoming Easter break and school holidays.

As-Salaam-Alaikum

Liz Weir

Principals Awards

Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki

Rongo mā Tane

Nyah, Ruby Z, Kingston, Emil, Meah, Anika, Mackenzie, Harper, Anameka, Liam, Kobe H, Mira, Ben M, Charlotte, Luca C, Jaxon, Amelia

Papatuanuku

Alex M, Amber

Ata Hapara

Ihaia



Daylight Saving This Weekend—Clocks Back

Daylight saving is starting this weekend so don't forget to put your clocks back one hour on Saturday night before you go to bed.

Also the tsunami sirens will be tested at 11am on Sunday so no need to panic when you hear them!



Reminder Of Uniform For Winter



With the colder weather approaching a reminder that children should still be wearing our regulation polo shirts and polo fleeces, or Senior Jacket for Y7/8 students.

Students can wear long-sleeved thermal tops under their school shirt but they must be either black or white.

Students can wear black or white plain ankle or knee length socks or plain black tights.

Children will be expected to remove non-regulation uniform items on request.

There is a full list of uniform requirements on our website.

Delays With Uniform

We have been having trouble with supplies of some of our uniform (Size 6 fleeces and size 8 shirts). We've been told by our supplier that they won't be arriving until the end of May. However for those parents that have an order in for shirts, they are going to supply us with some plain purple shirts to get us by while we wait. They weren't able to provide a temporary solution for fleeces, but we may be able to help you with a second hand fleece if you have nothing. Or your child might be able to wear a thermal underneath their shirt while in class.



Learning Conversations for Years 2-8

If you missed the Year 2-8 Learning Conversations last week you can contact your child's Kaiawhina directly to make an alternative time to discuss progress and achievement.

No Bikes/Scooters Please Over The Bridges



Just a reminder that it is a school rule that no bikes or scooters are to be ridden over the bridges. Please help adhere to this rule especially with toddlers as it is good practice for them to understand this too for when they start with us, thanks.

Some Pictures from Waipara Camp



School Accounts

School accounts are being sent home today. 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.

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.

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.

Mindful Mover Sessions for All Students in 2019

We have had the team from Mindful Mover, Erica and Johanna, teaching us how to bring mindfulness routines into the school day for student and teacher wellbeing. We will be heavily subsidising this but asking you to contribute just \$2.50 per term, or \$10 for the full year. Sessions are underway, so remember to ask your child how this is going.

Maths Whizz - Tāwhirimatea students

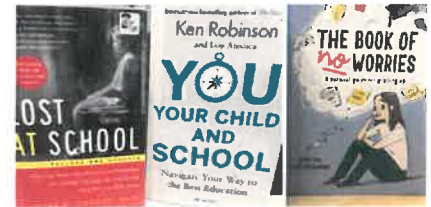
This year our Tāwhirimatea students will be participating in Maths Whizz. This activity cost is \$5 per term or \$20 for the full year. For more info about this please contact the studio teachers.

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

Updates from Rāwhiti School Library...

Did you know? You can access our library catalogue (Web APP) at:
<http://library.rawhiti.school.nz>

By logging in your child/children can see what books they have on loan, search the library and reserve books...



If you have a child or children at Rāwhiti School this information was sent home on a yellow piece of paper. If you have lost this information please email suea@rawhiti.school.nz

Rāwhiti School's eBook Library (Wheelers ePlatform):

Want to keep children reading over the holidays? Why not access our ePlatform!

Children can access 1500 eBooks on our Wheelers ePlatform. These books will display when searching for books on the Web OPAC or you can go to the direct link: <https://rawhitischool.wheelers.co/>

eBooks can be issued for two weeks and there is a limit of two eBooks per user. Students will need to use their library number and password to login to download eBooks.

If you have a device you can download the Wheelers ePlatform app!

Download the ePlatform App



Download ePlatform App - <https://goo.gl/S1C6ft>

Any questions please contact Elizabeth Kazmierczak:
 email elizabeth@rawhiti.school.nz

NEW! Parent Library @ Rāwhiti School

Looking for something to read over the break? We now have a parent library at Rāwhiti School.



Feel free to pop in on Friday 13th April at 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm on Friday and we can issue you a book or email suea@rawhiti.school. We'll issue the book to you and send this home with your child.

A must read would be **'Keeping your Children Safe Online – A Guide for New Zealand Parents,'** by John Parsons.



'Keeping Your Children Safe Online is a no nonsense sort of a book. It's a technical guide on what to do for parents. But it's also a very quick and easy read, jam packed full of tips and strategies. Parsons's really just gets straight to the point, and tells parents exactly what they need to do to keep their children safe online.'

See full review [click here](#).

Don't forget to tick "Library News" on the School App to get updates!

Duke Children's Art Competition—Winners!

Congratulations to some of our students who were winners in the recent art competition. The Duke Festival organisers were blown away by all of our entries. Congratulations to everyone who put in an entry.



Shafrin—3rd place (11-12 yr olds)

"I liked the use of paint. There was warmth and depth in this piece showing movement of the wind and sea. Marvellous."



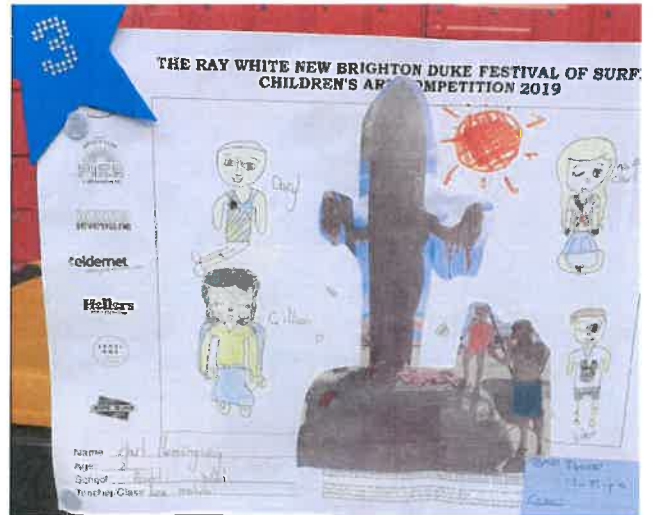
Ava—2nd place (9-10 yr olds)

"Your piece makes me feel like I'm at the beach. Great use of sand and paper to add textural elements. I loved the surfboard designs. Amazing."



Kiwa—3rd place (9-10 yr olds)

"Lots of work went into this bold design. The colours and texture are vibrant and rich. Very clever use of coloured paper. Stupendous!"



Charli —3rd place (7-8 yr olds)

"Clever use of collage and coloured pen made this piece stand out from the rest. Your perfect day is filled with family, friends and fun. Fantastic!"

Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori

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Christchurch Circus Centre

APRIL HOLIDAYS 2019

CARROT AND PICKLE SHOW

APRIL 16TH 11AM

ROY STOKES HALL, 146 SEAVIEW RD, NEW BRIGHTON

\$5 pp DOOR SALES (CASH ONLY)

CIRCUS OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 20TH APRIL 10:30-12:30PM

ROY STOKES HALL, 146 SEAVIEW RD, NEW BRIGHTON

GOLD COIN ENTRY

KIDS CIRCUS WORKSHOPS

ROY STOKES HALL 146 SEAVIEW ROAD

APRIL 18TH & 22ND 10 - 11:30AM

\$10 PER CHILD PER SESSION

ENROLMENTS ESSENTIAL

EMAIL: CIRCUSTRUST@GMAIL.COM

www.chchcircus.co.nz
 @CircusCentre
 circustrust@gmail.com

Rise is a new and exciting singing and dancing group of young people from the east of Christchurch that meets weekly for practises, social, learning new skills and preparing for public performances! Our vision to bring hope, joy and life to our communities through music.



Latest Updates

2 Apr 2019

We are looking for talented young people from all over the east to perform at different venues in and around our city and further afield. Singing and dancing is great for the people who are participating in it - for physical and mental wellbeing - but it is also good for those who get to share in the performance! We will be 'singing and dancing for good.'

There will be separate dance and singing items as well as combined pieces. It will involve learning choreography and songs by memory. There will also be a creative element where students will develop their own ideas to set pieces. The cost is just \$30 per term, and that also comes with a free T-shirt! Express your interest now by completing this short online form:

For: Ages 8-13
Each: Mondays
From: 6pm - 7:30pm

Register online

Contact Youth Alive <http://www.youthalivetrust.org.nz/safer-streets/rise>

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Eastern Hobbies
Workshop

**Easter Holidays
Family Fun Day!**

Free use of radio controlled cars!

Free Sausage Sizzle!

**Sunday 28th April
1pm-4pm
Rawhiti Domain Tennis Courts**



**Eastern Community
Sport and Recreation
Incorporated**

yeah!
GIRLS

Registers now! 0700 0111 <https://registerballnet.co.nz/register/2065980>

**Location: New Brighton Rugby Club
(19 Rawhiti Ave, New Brighton)**

**Days/time: Tuesdays & Wednesdays
(16,17,23,24 April)**

9-11am

***Open for 7-12 year olds**

Contact: Dani 0273673341

AQUAGYM
Swim for Life!



BOOK NOW!

For Holidays & Next Term

"Where Champions Grow"

459 Cashel Street
381 0299
info@aquagym.co.nz

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CREATIVE Junk
Recycle ☆ Reuse ☆ Rethink

Open: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 11.00 am to 5.00 pm
Saturday 11.00 am to 1.00 pm
Closed over Christmas and Public Holidays

**CREATIVE WORKSHOPS
APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY**

Workshops for children between the ages of 6 to 12 at 25 Disraeli St

Come and get creative using recycled materials
and make a Bath Fizz Ball



Week 1
Tuesday 16, Wednesday 17
Thursday 18 April
10.00-12.00 noon OR 1.00-3.00 pm

Week 2
Wednesday 24, Friday 26 April
10.00-12.00 noon OR 1.00-3.00 pm

Cost: member \$10.00 per child per workshop
non member \$15.00 per child per workshop

If you are interested, please let us know as bookings are limited,
payment is required with booking
ph: 379 4040 or email info@creativejunk.org.nz



NEXT BLOOD DRIVE



New Brighton

Grace Vineyard Church
111 Seaview Road



Thurs 11 April

1:00pm – 5:00pm

Please book your appointment to be a Lifesaver.

Remember to eat & drink plenty before donating & bring your donor card or photo ID.
Eligibility criteria applies – please read the **Blood Donor ELIGIBILITY Checklist** or do the
Applicable? quiz on our website. Also, check the online Travel Information

0800 448 325
www.nzblood.co.nz

To donate, contact us today to book your appointment.



**FATHER SON CAMP
TEEN EDITION**

For year 9-13 Teenage Guys and their Dads*



MAY 17-19

**\$130 PER FATHER AND SON PAIR
FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER HEAD TO
WWW.YOUTHALIVETRUST.ORG.NZ/CAMPS/TFSC/**

* If dad's not around or you have more than one son that you'd like to bring, please contact us for options to still attend camp.



Feedback from previous Father Son Camps

"This would be the best 36 hours I have ever spent with my son."
"It was very good helped me with my relationship with my dad."
"Just good and an eye opener."
"I believe the whole thing was perfect, I met children & dads who I normally would possibly never talk to."

For enquiries contact Matt Barnes,
Office - 288 3003
Cell - 027 257 1768
Email - matt.barnes@youthalivetrust.org.nz
WWW.YAT.ORG.NZ



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Kōrari

"Kōrari really helped me understand what it's like to be a school trustee"



An informal session for those interested in school board elections.

Location: Hāsele Community Campus, CHCH, Tues 9 April, 6.00pm

Attendance is FREE. All welcome. RSVP to: lshelley@nzsta.org.nz

Kōrari - a programme that provides you with governance training to help you understand the role of school boards of trustees.

For more information contact us on 0800 782 435.



Board Of Trustee Info Meeting, Tues 9th April 6pm

For attendance numbers, we ask interested attendees to RSVP to: lshelley@nzsta.org.nz

or call 0800 782 435 for more information.

28 March 2019

Canterbury Measles Outbreak – Information for schools and ECE

Measles is spreading in Canterbury. It is a highly infectious virus that can be life threatening. Complications occur in about one in three people, and for them measles can be serious or even fatal.

What are the symptoms?

Measles symptoms are a:

1. cough or runny nose or conjunctivitis **AND**
2. fever above 38.5^oc **AND**
3. rash

If you're unwell with measles-like symptoms, stay home and telephone your GP team for advice any time of the day or night. Please do not go to your GP in person as you may spread the illness to others. Anyone with measles needs to be isolated from the time they become ill until 5 days after the rash has appeared.

Who is protected from measles?

People who have had two MMR vaccinations (typically given at ages 15 months and 4 years) are immune from measles. People born before 1969 will have been exposed to the measles virus and will have acquired immunity.

Those born between 1969 and 1990 are considered to have a good level of protection. This group was offered one measles vaccine and evidence suggests that one dose of MMR protects 95% of people from catching measles.

Who are the priorities for vaccination?

The most effective way to stop the spread of measles is to vaccinate those aged 12 months to 28 years who have never received an MMR vaccine.

To prevent the transmission of measles, and to protect those most at risk of developing serious complications from measles, from 28 March 2019 a wider group of people became eligible to receive a second MMR vaccination:

- all those aged 12 months – 28 years
- caregivers of infants aged up to 12 months
- those aged between 29 and 50 who work with children

What happens if there's been a case of measles in a school or early childhood education centre?

Most students in Canterbury have good immunity against measles.

If there is a confirmed case and a risk of transmission, health authorities will advise contacts of the case who are susceptible – including those who have never been vaccinated and those who have only had one vaccine –to stay away until they are given the all clear.

As a general rule, a contact is considered someone who has been in the same room as a confirmed measles case (while the case was infectious) up to one hour after the case was there.

Should students attend outside of school events?

Students who feel unwell with measles-like symptoms, or who are not fully vaccinated against the measles, should avoid events as there will be a risk of either catching or spreading measles.

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