



Newsletter #6 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 17 May 2019

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

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou

Wasn't the weather kind to us on Monday afternoon for our Year 4-8 Cross Country? After a very stormy night it was great to see so many of our children getting out in the sunshine and giving the race a go. Thanks to Andrew Redmond and all of his helpers from the Year 7/8 team for their superb organisation. At events like this we really see our senior students step up and show their support for younger students who are trying their very best.

Today we farewell Lauren Yaxley as she leaves us to take up a teaching position at Te Waka Unua School. Lauren started with us as a beginning teacher the year we opened, and we are really proud of the skilled and confident educator she has become. Karl Donaldson-Kahi, who is already well known to the children, will be teaching in Ata Hapara through to the end of the school year.

Earlier in the week we said a sad goodbye to George Patterson, who has been our part time grounds keeper for the past couple of years. George stepped in to help us out when we had nothing but mud and sand, and did his best to make our place look as good as possible. He leaves us at a time when our grounds are really taking shape. George recently had a significant birthday – and we wish him a long and happy retirement.

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**Mark Your
Calendar**

MAY

- 21st Zones Cross Country
- 21st BOT meeting, 6.30pm
- 24th Junior Assembly
- 24th BOT election nominations close
- 27-31 Samoan Language Week
- 29th Strike Day
- 29th Out of zone enrolments close
- 31st Whole School Assembly

JUNE

- 3rd School closed—Queens Birthday
- 19th Wig Wednesday
- 20th PTA meeting
- 26th BOT meeting

JULY

- 2nd Dancing Like The Stars Performance, 6pm, Isaac Theatre Royal
- 5th Last day of term



From The Principal— continued ...

Yesterday we celebrated International Support Staff Day. Our school could not function without our large team of amazing teacher aides, office staff and grounds staff. While we are grateful for them every day, yesterday we made them a special lunch. We know that this team often work through their lunch break to ensure everything here runs smoothly and it is rare to see them all in one place together.



We also recently celebrated the 25th work anniversary of one of our wonderful teacher aides – Sharyn Brooke. All 25 of those years have been dedicated to the children of North New Brighton and Rāwhiti schools, and we loved sharing the occasion with Sharyn and her husband Mike.

Teachers Strike Action—Wednesday 29th May

I am sure you will have seen in the media this week that primary and secondary school teachers and principals have voted to hold a one day strike on Wednesday 29th May.

The key points teachers would like to see addressed are:

- reduced class sizes so that children get more one-on-one time with their teachers;
- extra classroom release time so teachers have time to plan and implement effective lessons and programmes;
- a fully funded Special Education Needs Coordinator (SENCO) in each school;
- a major pay jolt to address teacher recruitment, match other professions that require degrees and to retain quality teachers who are leaving in large numbers.

We are very aware that at Rāwhiti School the Board of Trustees currently funds three of the above to ensure that children here get the best deal possible. For the past 4 years we have kept teacher/student ratios (class sizes) at a level that is well below what government funding allows for. While teachers in

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other schools get one hour a week of Classroom Release Time, our teachers are released for a morning each fortnight, with the BOT picking up the additional cost. As a school we also benefit from having our own fully released SENCO – something we have been able to provide for the past 4 years. However, we are very aware that colleagues in other schools do not work under the same conditions, and we are also very aware that the current cost of this to the Board of Trustees is simply not sustainable.

As professionals, we find it disheartening that we currently have such an adversarial relationship with the government. It's a demoralising feeling to have to continually justify and prove your skills, your value, and your worth over and over again. Not only to the government, but also to the public.

It is now up to the BOT to determine whether the school can provide supervision on May 29th and this will be decided at the BOT meeting next week. In the meantime, I suggest you start to make alternative plans for this day.

Out of Zone enrolments

A reminder to those of you who do not live in our school zone but have a child about to turn 5 and start school in Term 3, you will need to complete an Out of Zone application for inclusion in the upcoming ballot. You have until midday on May 29th to get your applications in to the office. If you need assistance accessing the form please contact Kim in the office.

We have one more Board of Trustees meeting before the upcoming elections for parent representatives. If you are interested in becoming involved please join us at 6.30pm next Tuesday evening.

Ngā mihi nu nui ki a koutou

Liz Weir

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

Jaxon B, Luca, Juian W x2, Kera K, Anika C x2,
Lilian, Lexie, Niko, James P, Noah, Eden, Jaime R,
Anameka, Stella, Harper, Eva

Ata Hapara

Tui x2, Amaia x2, Isla, Arihana, Ihaia x4, Nikita

Tangaroa

Daniel Ellis-Stewart

**Strike Day—OSCAR Fun Day, Wed 29th May**

Youth Alive are running a fun OSCAR Activity Day for any children in Y1-8 while schools are expected to be on strike. They are heading to Orana Park for the day (alternative activities if wet weather) and costs \$35 each (8.30am-3.30pm) plus extension to 6pm available if needed. WINZ OSCAR subsidies available. Refund if strike is cancelled.

Sign up at <https://yat.aimyplus.com> and choose "Special Day" option.

Rāwhiti Policy Review—Term 2

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:

1. **Emergency Planning and Procedures**
2. **Curriculum and Student Achievement**

(Please note: Lockdown procedures are not included for security reasons. These can be viewed as part of our evacuation booklets which are in all the classrooms.)

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 the end of each term.

Board of Trustee Elections

Nominations are invited for the election of five parent representatives to the Board of Trustees (BOT). A nomination form was posted home last week. Please contact the office if you didn't receive one.



Nominations close at 12noon on the 24th of May. The voting roll is open for inspection at the school office and can be viewed during office hours. There will also be a list of candidate names on the wall of the office.

The poll closes at 12noon on the 7th of June 2019.

Pink Shirt Day

Here are some fine examples of our Pink Shirt wearers today.





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.

Winter Sports

If your child signed up for winter sport, the cost of \$40 has been added to your account. Payment is due in full by Thursday 30th May.

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 - 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.

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



Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori

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SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

RAMS VS SHARKS

**HORNCastle ARENA
7PM FRI 17 MAY**

The Wheeler Motor Company Canterbury Rams face the Southland Sharks in a southern rivalry. The Sharks have Tall Blacks Alex Pledger and ANBL players Jarred Weeks, Mitch McCarron and Todd Blanchfield. The game will show case some of the best players in the New Zealand NBL and will be a game you will not want to miss.

Every ticket bought by your community using your school's promo code **EARNs YOUR SCHOOL REWARDS**

\$5.00	\$3.50
per adult ticket	per child ticket

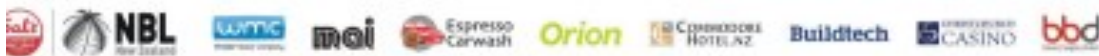
*Tickets can be purchased in any seating area.

Your school's promo code is:

RAWHITI

*promo codes are entered at the start of ticket selection.

To purchase tickets visit
canterburyrams.basketball



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(Some snippets from the latest Autumn/Winter Public Health Newsletter)

BRUSH UP ON HEALTHY TEETH!

BRUSH TWICE A DAY WITH FLUORIDE TOOTHPASTE

These toothpastes have adequate fluoride for your child

0-6 years old, use a smear on the brush
6+ use a pea sized amount

JUST SPIT, DON'T RINSE!

These toothpastes contain fluoride **BELOW** the Ministry of Health recommended levels!

February 2018

Toothpaste of at least 1000 parts per million (ppm) fluoride is recommended for all ages and it should be used twice daily. 1000 ppm fluoride is equivalent to 0.32% sodium fluoride or 0.76% sodium mono-fluorophosphate.

Smiling Mind

Smiling Mind is a not-for-profit web and app-based meditation program developed by psychologists and educators to help bring mindfulness into your life.

Visit www.smilingmind.com.au/smiling-mind-app for more information.

Sparklers

Fun, fresh and easy to use, Sparklers is an initiative that features 50+ activities teach children things they can do to stay calm, manage worries, be kind and feel good.

Family/whānau will find resources so they can help children manage big emotions and feel good.

Visit: allright.org.nz/sparklers/kids for our favourite kids books, resources and parenting tips.

School exclusion

Many illnesses are infectious, meaning they can be spread easily from one person to another.



To stop sickness from spreading, it is important for you to keep your child at home when they are ill, and not let them go to school or an early childhood education centre. How long they should be home depends on what illness they have.

When your child catches an illness, there will be an incubation period before they show symptoms. Some illnesses are infectious before symptoms show; some are infectious even after symptoms have disappeared.

The Infectious Diseases table on the HealthEd website describes the symptoms and exclusion periods for some common childhood illnesses: www.healthed.govt.nz/resource-table/table-infectious-diseases

It's also available to download as a poster: www.healthed.govt.nz/resource/infectious-diseases-0

For free health advice, ring Healthline on 0800 611 116.

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Headlice/kutu facts & wet combing

What to look for:

- Small red/brown or grey insects and tiny whitish eggs attached to the hair shaft close to the scalp (the eggs are easier to see than the louse).
- Tickling feeling in the hair, unusual itching/scratching of the head and neck.
- Small red marks on the scalp, neck or behind the ears (head lice bites). Discuss insecticide treatment options with your public health nurse, pharmacist or doctor.

Headlice treatment:

Option 1: Dimethicone

- New – Dimethicone 4% lotion has recently been funded and is now available on prescription.
- Free – For children under 13, the doctor's appointment and head lice prescription should be.
- Gentle – Dimethicone is not absorbed through the skin. It works by suffocating the eggs and lice.
- Effective – Studies show dimethicone can be more effective than other prescribed lice treatments.

head lice comb isn't essential when using dimethicone, but it will help remove dead lice and eggs after treatment.

Option 2: Wet combing



- Make your child comfortable and let them read their favourite book or watch their favourite programme or movie.
- Comb or brush out knots with an ordinary comb. Put lots of conditioner through wet or dry hair.
- Start at the scalp and go all the way down to the hair ends.



- Comb conditioner through hair, using an ordinary comb.



- Change to a fine-tooth head lice comb and comb sections of your child's hair.

See Kim in the office if
you would like a comb
or some product

For more information, visit www.kidshealth.org.nz/head-lice

TRY THESE GREAT SANDWICH IDEAS...



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A colorful poster for Burwood Playgroup. It features a large, smiling yellow sun with black rays in the top left corner. The background is a collage of light blue, green, and purple geometric shapes. The title 'BURWOOD PLAYGROUP' is written in large, bold, blue 3D letters, slanted diagonally across the center. To the right of the title, the text 'Every Thursday 9.30am till 11.30am' is written in red. Below this, 'Including School Holidays' is written in green. In the bottom left, a red starburst contains the text 'All ages welcome' in white. At the bottom, there is a horizontal line separating the contact information from the rest of the poster.

BURWOOD PLAYGROUP

Every
Thursday
9.30am till
11.30am

Including School Holidays

Cost: \$2 per family, bring morning tea for your children
Tea, coffee or milo and a biscuit for the adults

Burwood Plunket Rooms
149 Burwood Road
Christchurch

For more information contact
Rose: 027 2284038

SHIRLEY BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

"Kīwi soul, global vision"

Parent Information Evenings

(Meet Headmaster John Laurenson for an informal chat over a cup of tea or coffee)

Monday 6th – Thursday 9th May 2019

6.00pm - 7.30pm

In the school library

Community Open Day

We would like to invite the community to come along and have a look at the new school. All Welcome.

Sunday 19 May 10.00am-12.30pm

SBHS Open Night

(for students and parents looking to ~~enrol~~ enrol for 2020)

Thursday 23rd May 2019

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Commencing in the Main Theatre

C V Gallagher Trust Scholarship Exam

Thursday 6th June 2019

1.00pm - 3.00pm

Please meet at Reception by 12.45pm

Please register on the school website or at the school office

Travis Road, Christchurch

Phone: 375 7057

office@shirley.school.nz

www.shirley.school.nz

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CREATIVE Junk
Recycle ☆ Reuse ☆ Rethink

Passionate about reusing waste

OPEN DAY

Saturday 18 May 2019



10.00 am – 2.00 pm

25 Disraeli St, Addington

enjoy activities, make friends and share
waste, reuse and upcycle ideas

Waste and art activities

THE BIG KNIT

FREE have a go knitting activities

MAKE A BAG

in our MAKERSPACE area

Raffle

Sausage Sizzle

Meet Sarah from The Artbreakers

Receive info about art workshops



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT SATURDAY 25TH MAY

180 Queenspark Drive

Bring your own Dinner from 5.45pm

Movie starts at 6.30pm

Snacks and Drinks for sale

Looking forward to seeing you.

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Free Healthy Home Advice

Now is the perfect time to make your home warmer for winter. Help is just a click away.

Book your FREE home improvement consultation at:

<https://www.ccc.govt.nz/build-back-smarter>

Did you know:

- ✓ Older ceiling downlights can act like chimneys sucking heat from your home.
- ✓ Nearly half of your heat will be lost through your windows and doors.
- ✓ Up to 50 litres of moisture each day can enter your home from damp ground.
- ✓ Your new home designs can be reviewed for free by our Eco-Design Advisor www.ccc.govt.nz/eco-design-advice
- ✓ A \$6,000 loan for home improvements is available from the Canterbury Regional Council.

www.ecan.govt.nz/healthier-homes-canterbury-expression-of-interest

Build Back Smarter addresses these issues and many more. We give specific advice, tailored to your home and your needs. Over 5,000 home owners have now enjoyed the help our friendly experts. You can too. Build Back Smarter is available for everyone in greater Christchurch, even landlords.

For face to face advice or useful guides visit: www.buildbacksmarter.co.nz

ARE YOU A HOMEOWNER?

You could be missing out on insulation subsidies!

Up to 92% OFF the costs of ceiling and underfloor insulation.*

*Criteria applies - call 0800 GET WARM

To be eligible for the subsidy, you will need to:

- ☒ be the homeowner (owner-occupier) of a home built before 2008, **AND**
- ☒ have a Community Services Card (CSC) or SuperGold combo card, **OR**
- ☒ own and be living in a home in an area identified as lower-income. *Contact CEA to find out if your address qualifies.*

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0800 GET WARM