



Newsletter #8 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 31 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 and Malō soifua

Thank you very much for your patience and understanding on Wednesday when we took industrial strike action alongside of our secondary school colleagues. We all remain hopeful that there will soon be a resolution to this long-running dispute.

Waharoa

As part of our ongoing grounds development our long awaited waharoa will be installed over the long weekend. A **waharoa** is a gateway onto a Māori marae, or meeting place. It is the place where the manuhiri (visitors) are welcomed onto the land. We will officially acknowledge and celebrate the unveiling of our waharoa later next week. All members of our school community are welcome to be present for this short ceremony and to join us afterwards for a light breakfast.

Our waharoa has been designed and made by highly respected Ngāi Tahu carver, Fayne Robinson. Fayne's work is visible all around our city, with one of his most recent pieces being the *Mana Motuhake* piece recently installed in Victoria Square. His works have been in New Zealand galleries and international collections and we are hugely honoured to be installing a piece that has been designed especially for us to reflect our Rāwhiti School story.

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Mark Your Calendar

JUNE

- 3rd School closed—Queens Birthday
- 4th 'Getting Ready For Rāwhiti' Party
- 19th Wig Wednesday
- 19th Canterbury Cross Country
- 20th PTA meeting
- 26th BOT meeting

JULY

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



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Making Things Happen

A big 'shout out' to Angus S, from Tawhirimatea who decided to take matters into his own hands when it comes to our aging soccer nets (relocated from one of the closing schools). Angus plays 10th grade football for the Burwood Huskies and, in his own words, is obsessed with football – as are a lot of his mates here at Rāwhiti. Angus wrote directly to Mainland Football *"I was wondering if mainland football could help out my school and donate some new nets and balls. It would be amazing if we got these things all of my friends and the people at Rāwhiti school would love it. I will attach some photos and I'll invite you to come out to our school to meet me and I'll show you around."* Mainland Football were here in a flash, with some new balls for the school, and have gone off to have a think about our nets. Thanks Mainland Football, and thanks Angus for being resourceful and taking action.

Board of Trustees Elections

We are fortunate to have 7 people standing for our Board of Trustees in the upcoming election. You will shortly receive your voting papers in the mail. These are being posted to the address that we currently have on file for your child – so please do make sure that you keep us informed whenever you move to a new location.

I want to acknowledge our outgoing Board of Trustees, who had their final meeting last week. It has been such a privilege to work alongside this dynamic group who are largely responsible for the incredible transformation of our school grounds, as well as significant funding for the development of digital learning. While Jen Evans, Cheryl Lineham, Thomas Parata and Vanessa Manning are all standing for re-election, we farewell Karen Brandon, Janet Carson, Jonny Langley (parent reps) and Elizabeth Kazmierczak (staff rep). All are long-serving board members whose experience and expertise will be missed around our board table.

Mid-Year Reporting

At the end of this term our teachers will report on progress and achievement against the New Zealand Curriculum for children in Years 2-8. Children in Rongo ma tane will continue to receive their anniversary reports.

There are some changes to the format this year. Along with the report showing your child's current achievement level in reading, writing and maths you will receive a Learning Story that will share with you what your child has been learning through this terms Social Sciences inquiry into Connection. These will come home to you on the last day of the term, and you will have an opportunity to discuss the contents at Learning Conversations early in Term 3.



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Lost Property

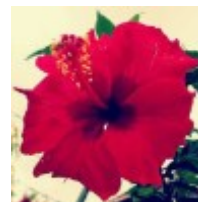
I have written about this before, but it is worth repeating. Almost daily we receive a message that a child at school has had something 'stolen' - their sweatshirt, shoes, lunch box, or scooter. The thought that someone has taken something that belongs to you is very upsetting for most people and we sometimes deal with very distressed children, and angry parents.

However, in most instances the missing items are quickly located in the Learning Studios or somewhere around the school grounds. When you lose your sweatshirt or scooter, it's not stolen. It could still be in the place you last used it.

Theft by finding occurs when someone who chances upon something that does not appear to have an owner, takes possession of it but fails to take steps to find out whether the item does actually belong to someone. A good example of this is when a scooter is left at school overnight and someone removes it from the school grounds and takes it home for their own use. Or an item of school uniform is found and the name tag of the owner is removed. This happens more often than you would think. Often uniforms are named in more than one place and can still be tracked to their original owner. However we also see examples of where adults have gone to great lengths to remove the identity of the original owner - and I have to wonder what that is teaching our children?

Fortunately for us, most of our community are really good at returning things that a child brings home that does not belong to them. Please encourage your children to return anything that you may find at home that does not belong to them. It's an important lesson to learn, and another good example of acting with Integrity - doing the right thing even though no one is watching. Invariably, things will go missing or be lost at school - but there is never a reason for things to be stolen.

Ia manuia le aso
Liz Weir



Principals Awards ***Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki***

Rongo mā Tane

Luca C, Noah, Millie, Jack McPherson, Jaxon B x2, Azalea-Rose, Nate, Envy, Mira x2, Anika C x2, Stella x2, Meah.



Wanted—rabbit/guinea pig hutch

WANTED ... rabbit or guinea pig hutch for outside our studio so that our Papatūānuku guinea pigs can enjoy a day out in the sun. Please contact Helen at: helenh@rawhiti.school.nz



Canterbury Cross Country

Well done to our students who ran in the Eastern zone Cross Country recently. Congratulations to Tom R, Te Manako, Leyam B, Willow B & Clara who all placed in the top 6 for their year level and will be off to the Canterbury Cross Country on the 19th of June.



Papatuanuku Trip— Bottle Lake Forest

On Wednesday 12th June Papatuanuku class will be visiting Bottle Lake Forest to learn about some places that are important in our community and how to protect them.

The cost of this trip is \$3 and will be added to the school account.

Then on Friday 14th of June they will be visiting the Travis Wetlands. The class will be divided into 3 groups with the first group leaving school at 9am. A notice will have come home with full details.

Missing Scooter

This scooter has been removed from the scooter racks after school hours on Monday. It was locked, but the scooter was somehow removed and the lock was left behind. It is a Zoom brand and named.

If you have seen this scooter or know its whereabouts, please let Urmi in Tawhiri-matea know.



SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK

FAFAGA FANAU I UPU
MA TALA. TAUTALA I
LAU GAGANA

FEED THE CHILDREN WITH
WORDS AND STORIES.
SPEAK YOUR LANGUAGE.

TIME

Aso nei Today
Ananafi Yesterday
Taeao Tomorrow
Ua ta le fia?
What is the time?

EMOTIONS

Alofa Love
Fa'aaloalo Respect
'Ata Smile or laughter
Fiafia Happy
Ita Mad
Fa'anoanoa Sad

CONVERSATION

O lou igoa o
My name is
O a mai oe?
How are you?
Manuia faafetai
Fine thank you
Faafetai tele lava
Thank you very much
Manuia lou aso Have a
great day
O fea o e alu i ai?
Where are you going?
O ai? Who
O le a? What
O fea? Where
A fea? When
Aisea? Why
Fa'aapefea How
E mafai ona
Is it possible
Alu i o Go over there
Sau li Come here

SAMOAN GREETINGS

Talofa lava Hello
Afio mai Welcome
Tofa Soifua Goodbye

DAYS OF THE WEEK

Aso Sa Sunday
Aso Gafua Monday
Aso Lua Tuesday
Aso Lulu Wednesday
Aso Tofi Thursday
Aso Faraile Friday
Aso To'onai Saturday

PEOPLE

Tama Boy/Father
Tina Mother
Teine Girl
Tamaiti Children
Tamaloa Man
Fafine Woman
Matai Chief

IN THE KITCHEN

Umukuka Kitchen
Vai Water
Kuka Cook
Kofe Coffee
Ti Tea
Susu Milk

AT THE OFFICE

Nofoa Chair
Laulau Table
Galuega Work
Fono Meeting
Pule aoao Boss
Pule Manager

EATING & DRINKING

Inu Drink
Fia inu Thirsty
Ai Eat
Fia ai Hungry
Mea'ai Food
Fufulu ou lima
Wash your hands

Voting For Board of Trustee Elections



You will receive a letter containing your voting paper, candidate statements and a covering letter advising you of how to vote. **You must vote correctly for your vote to be valid.**

- You can vote for up to FIVE candidates
- If you are posting you **MUST** use the envelope provided and it must be postmarked before the 7th of June
- If delivering to the school office, you must use the envelope provided. Only one voting paper per envelope. Must be delivered before noon on 7th June.

Results will be advised in the next newsletter.

Blue Light PCT Competition

Some of our students attended the Blue Light PCT competition recently. It looks like they had a lot of fun dressing up.



Temporary Uniform

Our supplier have advised that the polo shirts that were due to arrive in May are now not arriving until the end of June unfortunately.



We can still order them, and they will send us temporary shirts that can be worn to school, until the actual ones arrive. Once the actual shirts arrive you can return to the temporary ones to the school office.



Rāwhiti Students Painting Murals in New Brighton

Check out this weeks "Star" paper. There is an article about some of our children that have painted murals down at the New Brighton beach.



Ex-Pupils At Rockquest

Three of our ex-pupils, Pepper, Caitlin and Corbin, have made the regional finals at the Smokefree Rockquest with their original song "Learn".

ZM People choices is going to be live online for votes so go to the Rockquest website for more details.

Here is a link to these talented children playing: [AC/PC Performing Live](#)



Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori

(Notices placed here are contingent on space and do not reflect the views or opinions of the school.)

[Youth Alive Autumn Newsletter 2019](#)

Topics covered: Mana Ake, Camps, Seminars, Mentoring



Thomson Park Upgrade Opening

WED 5TH JUNE
3.15-4.30PM
MARINE PARADE

JOIN THE
 CANTERBURY
 RAMS & WILDCATS
 FOR TIPS,
 TRICKS AND
 SKILLS AT
 THOMSON PARK

SAUSAGE SIZZLE FROM 3.15PM,
 OPENING AT 3.30PM. SHOOTING
 COMP AND SPOT PRIZES

POSTPONEMENT DATE THURS 6TH JUNE




Christchurch
 City Council



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**CIRCUS
BERSERKUS**

**JULY
12TH–14TH 2PM**

ROY STOKES HALL

**d! TICKETS \$15
FROM DASH**

KidsFest

PRESENTED BY
CHRISTCHURCH CIRCUS TRUST

Christchurch City
creative
COMMUNITIES **nz**

The poster features two performers: a juggler in a yellow long-sleeved shirt and blue shorts, performing a handstand with one leg raised high, and a clown in a red and yellow jacket, holding a red top hat and looking up with an open mouth. The background is a vibrant, multi-colored light display with vertical beams of red, green, and blue. The text is bold and stylized, with a yellow and red border around the main title.