



Newsletter #9 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 14 June 2019

E ara ake ana i te ūruhi
Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou, I hope you have had an opportunity to take a look at our new waharoa. There were gasps of admiration when the tarpaulins were removed last Friday morning and the lights turned on for the first time. The waharoa (gateway) will be lit each night from 5pm to 8am and is a stunning sight at any time of the day. Thanks to those who came out so early on a cold winters morning so that their children could be a part of the beautiful occasion.



Attendance

Please do not be offended if you receive a letter regarding your child's attendance figures. The Education Act 1989 requires that all children six years old and over must attend school. Once enrolled, it is compulsory for children to attend school regularly. We are legally required to monitor the daily attendance of children to ensure their safety both in getting to school and in accounting for them in an emergency, and to identify students with achievement, engagement, or other issues. Repeated absence can have a huge impact on student achievement.

Attendance is monitored through our Student Management System, which generates an alert when absence reaches an unacceptable level, or when we see a pattern of absence occurring. An alert is generated when a child has been absent to a total of 10 days in a term, and a member of our pastoral care team will send a letter stating the days absent and offering support. We always need to be notified when your child is away and the reason for their absence.

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Mark Your Calendar

JUNE

- 17th Cycle Safety starts
- 19th Wig Wednesday
- 19th Canterbury Cross Country
- 21st Icy Slicey Day
- 20th PTA meeting
- 26th Orana Park, Tawhirimatea
- 26th BOT meeting
- 27th Matariki Celebration Day
- 28th Junior School Assembly

JULY

- 2nd Dancing Like The Stars Performance, 6pm, Isaac Theatre Royal
- 3rd Orana Park, Tane Mahuta
- 4th QEII Trip, Papatuanuku
- 5th Whole School Assembly
- 5th Last day of term



From The Principal— continued ...**Arriving At School**

With the cold weather here it is important that children are not arriving at school too early in the morning. Our teachers have a lot to do each morning in preparation for the day and are not required to be 'on duty' in the Learning Studios before 8.30am each day. It is not the teachers job to supervise children who have been dropped at school from 7.30am onwards – and this is what is currently happening. A young child came to find me in the office on a cold morning last week because she was frozen. Children are welcome to be at school any time from 8.30 am.

**Speaking to Other Children**

From time to time we have reports of incidents where parents have decided to take matters into their own hands and 'deal' with children other than their own while on school grounds. This is very unsafe practice. If there are issues with children they need to be reported to the teachers and we will work together to resolve them. All reported incidents are impartially investigated and dealt with according to school policies and procedures. If you are not sure who to speak to about something that is causing you concern, please refer to the flow chart published in this weeks newsletter.

**Bread Tags for Wheel Chairs**

Bread Tags for Wheel Chairs has been recycling bread bag tags in South Africa since 2006. They currently collect 500kg per month, which funds 2-3 wheelchairs. How does it work? A company buys the tags and recycles them into seedling trays. The proceeds are used to purchase wheelchairs for the underprivileged. Now, thanks to one of our thoughtful Rāwhiti families, we are collecting bread bag tags at Rāwhiti School. Please save your bread bag tags and send them to school to be collected. You'll find containers in each Learning Studio and also in the office.

We are really proud to be able to connect with the great work that is being done and in some small way contribute to the happiness of an individual in need.

Sadly, over the weekend, we were once again the victims of vandalism with three adult males removing our external fire sirens, thus endangering our children because the fire alarms cannot be heard all around our large site without them. The sirens have been replaced – but I can think of other things that the money could have been spent on. If you have information about those responsible we can give you the police incident number. Help us to keep our place both safe and looking great.

Ngā mihi nu nui ki a koutou***Liz Weir*****Matariki Celebration**

Please join your children in their studio for some homemade soup and activities to celebrate the Maori New Year from 1-3pm on Thursday 27th June. Haere mai ti te whakanui i a Matariki.

Principals Awards *Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki*



Rongo mā Tane

Niko x2, Lilia x2, Lexie, Nyah, Jacob, Sakura, Lucas, Sanchia, Mira, Riley S, Fletcher, Amelia, Ben M, Jaxon B, Tupara, Charlotte, Mackenzie, Jackson, Millie, Kimmy, Bentley, Tyler W, Liam x2, Dylan W, Nate Fox, Carys, Elijah, Harper R, Taneisha, Sophie B, Jackson, Charli

Ata Hapara Mihia

Success@Rawhiti

Ashur L, in Ata Hapara, took out the win at the Oamaru Steampunk NZ festival International Teapot racing championships on Queens Birthday Weekend. With a time of 1 minute and 31 sec, racing under the name Steam Smythe with a remote-controlled teapot he designed himself called Da Bomb, he was both junior and overall champion. At 11 years old he is the youngest race champ to date.



More Success@Rawhiti

Charlotte T, in Tangaroa, competed in the Queen's Birthday Competition in the new Christchurch School of Gymnastics building.

This is the first competition of the season and she came away with 3rd overall, 3rd on Beam and 1st team competing at Senior level Step 8. Well done Charlotte!



Millah, from Papatuanuku, has secured a part in a play at the Elmwood Auditorium called "The Snow Queen". Tickets are on sale for during the school holidays—see ad in our Community Notices Section.

Teacher Success@Rāwhiti

Recently two of our teachers competed in the Christchurch Marathon.

Courtney, from Papatuanuku came **FIRST** in the 10km race/walk with a time of 54 minutes!!



And Mr Redmond, from Tangaroa, completed the full 42km marathon.



Don't try and run from them—they will catch you!!

Spare Clothes?

Does anyone have any spare clothes we could have for children that might need a change of clothes during the day? Preferably black pants/shorts etc.

Luka Gets To Meet His Idol

Luka T, from Papatuanuku, got to meet his idol Ryan Crotty at Ryan’s 150th game recently.



Zones Cross Country—By Levi B.

On Tuesday I went to zones cross country with Diego and Thomas. It was at the Queenspark School nearby the rugby fields. First I lined up in the place we came in the Rāwhiti School cross country.



I was nervous because I did not know how fast the people were. Then the gun went bang! I ran as fast as I can around the school. It was very hard because it had sharp corners and things to jump over. Next I ran around the course again. People went speeding passed me. Finally I sped past the finish line. I felt awesome because the race was over.



Icy-Slicey Day—Friday 21st June

Icy Slicey Day is coming. Order forms should have come home by now but there are more at the office if needed. Pay and order in the office before Tue 18th June.

\$1.50 each and it will be served at morning teatime.



Papatuanuku are doing this fundraiser so they can buy some things for their class guinea pigs.

Teal Scooter Missing

A teal Madd gear pro scooter with skull decals, skull grips and different coloured wheels was left in the scooter racks Friday after school and hasn’t been seen since. If you’ve seen it around, please let Kim in the office know.

Stolen Speakers

As Liz mentioned in her section, our external fire sirens have been stolen. They are clearly marked with Rāwhiti School, so if you see them or hear of anyone with them, please let us know.

We have sent the CCTV footage to the Police but any further information would be great, thank you.



**RAWHITI SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' ELECTION
Declaration of Parent and Staff Election
Results 2019**

Parent representative votes:

Evans, Jen	97
Fail, Justin	12
Lineham, Cheryl	72
Manning, Vanessa	70
Parata, Thomas	64
Poff, Jess	51
Scott, Tim	58

Number of invalid votes cast: 3

I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Jen Evans
Cheryl Lineham
Vanessa Manning
Thomas Parata
Tim Scott

Staff Representative: Kylie O'Keeffe

Signed: Jude Bell
Returning Officer

About the Artist

Fayne Robinson

Kati Mamoe, Kai Tahu, Ngati Apa Ki Te Ra To, Ngati Porou

Fayne was born and raised in Hokitika (Te Tai Poutini) on the west coast of the South Island. He graduated from the New Zealand Maori Arts and Crafts Institute, Rotorua 1984.

He has been trained under ancient traditional wananga (Maori values, beliefs and laws) but is now developing his own contemporary style.

Fayne has contributed carvings to wharenui across NZ, including his own family marae in Kaipo. His work has been exhibited in galleries across New Zealand and the world. You can even find one of Fayne's carved pouwhenua in Antarctica!

You may have seen some of Fayne's work around our city—his art pieces feature in Turanga (the Central Library), at the Canterbury Earthquake National Memorial and in Victoria Park. Fayne also designed the Ngai Tahu inspired Manly rugby league team jersey worn for their Christchurch matches.

We are very honoured to have own special piece designed and made by Fayne.



Rāwhiti School Waharoa



This is a temporary brochure sharing the korero of our new school Waharoa. We are planning to include photos once official blessing and unveiling to the community has taken place.

*E huri te aro ki te tai o te rāwhiti
Ko te uranga o te rā.
He ao, he ao, he ao hou*

Our Rāwhiti School Waharoa is made of four pieces with an implied roof line. The shape of each side of the waharoa imitates the gnomon (the fin on a sundial) which are the markers of time, casting the shadow onto the face of the sundial.

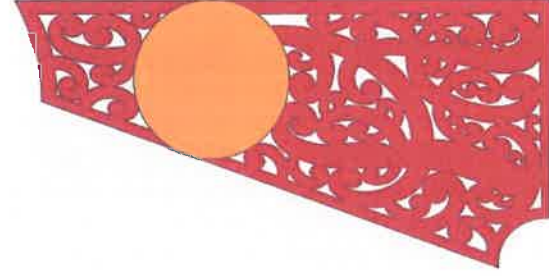


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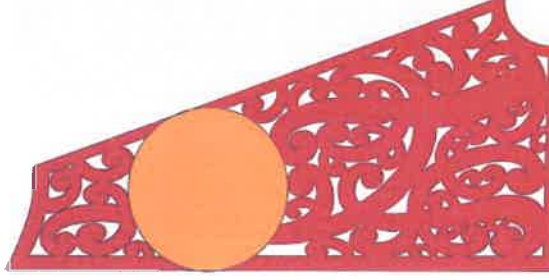


The image facing the road, welcoming visitors, shows two identifiable side profile figures, facing each other, which together also make one figure.

This is two fold. One is a reference to the split site of Rāwhiti school in its infancy. Two it is the face of the atua of the sun, Tamanuiterā.



REVERSE



The kowhaiwhai on the reverse side of the Waharoa talks of the core values in the school's cultural narrative. This is done through the use of a mangopare pattern, which is a traditional shape representing the Hammerhead shark; and is a representation and sign of strength. The dominant design elements represent the school leaders and teachers, and the smaller designs represent the students, to create their collaborative learning environment. "Rising above the ordinary."

The reverse side panels are mirror images, incorporating the school logo inset in yellow discs, cementing the reference to the sun, a new day, a new dawn.

Our Rāwhiti School Waharoa consists of two side panels, each elevated off the ground and standing approx. 2.4 metres.

The panels are constructed of cortens steel with a fibreglass backing separating each side from the other, which allows for the designs to be highlighted during the day, and for the internal lighting system to illuminate at night.











Each piece of the waharoa stands either side of the path to the school entrance as a welcoming gesture to visitors and as a marker where guests will formally be welcomed to the school.

A Waharoa is an entrance way or gateway, and usually refers to the entrance to a pā (fortified village) or marae (meeting ground). Traditionally a waharoa was a narrow lane passage inside the gateway, through which persons entering the place had to pass. In some cases it ran directly from the outer entrance or gateway to the centre of the village



Rāwhiti School Recommended Communication Procedure for Parents

In our experience, when parents have a concern that relates to their child at school, whether it's pastoral, curriculum or staffing in nature, many of these concerns can often be most quickly resolved by talking first to the most appropriate person. This flowchart outlines who the most appropriate person will be.

Learning Concerns	Pastoral Concerns <i>Pastoral care covers our support of your child's individual needs, their emotional wellbeing and helping them with any personal problems they may be experiencing at school.</i>	Concern relating to particular learning or physical needs. <i>Where a concern is related to a special need and you feel an adjustment may be required to support successful learning e.g. issues related to ASD (autistic spectrum disorders), dyslexia or dyspraxia or physical disabilities</i>	Issues relating to staff	Concerns & Queries relating to school school accounts and finances
				
Please raise your concern with your child's Kaiawhina in the first instance.	Please raise your concern with your child's Kaiawhina in the first instance.	Please raise your concern with your child's Kaiawhina in the first instance.	Please contact the Principal's PA, Kim Allen, who will forward your concern to the most appropriate person.	Please speak to Cheryl Nuthall our Executive Officer.
				
If the Kaiawhina is unable to help please contact the Team Leader.		If the Kaiawhina is unable to help please arrange an appointment with Lauren McDonnell, our Learning Support Coordinator.		
If the Team Leader is unable to help please contact our Deputy Principal - Helen Parata.				
Please make an appointment to see Liz Weir, the Principal, if Helen is unable to help. Appointments can be made by contacting Kim Allen, the Principal's PA, ph 3889519 or email admin@rawhiti.school.nz				
Teachers are available in the Learning Studios between 8.30am - 9am and after school between 3pm – 3.30pm for informal conversations. Please note that Tuesday is Staff Meeting day and teachers will be in meetings from 3.20pm. If you wish to have a more formal meeting with a teacher please make an appointment by emailing the teacher directly. Email addresses can be found on our school website.				

Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori

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"Have-A-Go" Music & DJ Lessons Enrolment



Here's your chance to learn **TWO Instruments** or, **ONE DJ Session**, or **ALL OF THEM** in groups of up to 4 people with experienced tutors, without committing to any ongoing lessons. Learn beginner techniques & skills that may just be the start of a love for that Instrument or Turntable. Choose between:

- Drums, Guitar, Piano, Vocals / Singing, DJ Turntables

Sessions available from **9am - 5pm**, from **16th - 19th July 2019**, Bookings are **\$26 for 1 hour**. Lessons are taught from **Youth Alive Trust 111, Seaview Road, New Brighton, Christchurch**. (NOTE: Ages 6+ for Instruments. Ages 10+ for DJing. 30mins per instrument with a short break in-between, or 1hr DJ Session with a short break in-between. Times vary according to demand.)

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Womens Self Defence.

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8 WEEK COURSE
\$160 PER PERSON
AGE: 13 YEARS+

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FRIDAYS 5.45 - 6.30PM

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WWW.PROTECTYOURSELF.CO.NZ

Mid-Winter Family Fun

Cold or wet outside? Get to New Brighton Library with the family to enjoy games, activities and craft together. All ages and generations welcome!

14th July & 11th August, 11am—3pm
(Every 2nd Sunday of each month)

Free—no bookings required.



Knit & Yarn

Are you a confident knitter? Are you willing to teach some basic skills? Would you like to give knitting a go for the first time?

Join our community project and enjoy a good yarn as we work together to knit "peggy-squares". We'll stitch these together into small blankets for our library Babytimes sessions.

Bring your own needles and wool or use some of ours.

Every Sunday during June
1pm-3pm

Free, no booking required
All ages and generations welcome!



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Kelly Sports Holiday Programme


KELLY SPORTS

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

CONTACT
STEVE POTTER

STEVE@KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ
021 044 6283

BOOK ONLINE AT
KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ

Bookings for our upcoming Kelly Sports Holiday Programmes at Hillview Christian School and Hillmorton High School are now available online.

The focus of our programmes is to ensure kids are active throughout the day with a great mixture of games and activities to suit everyone. WINZ subsidies are available for families that qualify and we have options of half day sessions, school day sessions and full day sessions available.

To view a programme of activities, to register or for more information please visit www.kellysports.co.nz or contact Steve on 021 0446283 or by email at steve@kellysports.co.nz



Imagine Youth Theatre presents

THE SNOW QUEEN

Adapted and directed by Martin Howells

9-20 JULY

11am and 1pm every day except Sunday

ELMWOOD AUDITORIUM

Bookings www.imaginetheatre.co.nz 021 044 1909

Millah from Papatuanuku has got a part in this play! She's on 9-11 July, 11am & 1pm

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**10x13"
PRINT OF
YOUR
CHOICE!**

**NEW
BOOK
ONLINE**

\$10 PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER

EVERYONE WELCOME

New Brighton Under 12 Gold
has arranged for a professional photographer from Jack 'n' Jill
to take photos of children, family and friends.

At:
New Brighton Under 12 Gold

When:
Sunday, 30 June, 2019

Contact:
Serena Baxler on 0273810444

Book Online:
<http://jacknjillcanterbury.co.nz/book/11035>

Terms and conditions: One \$10 sitting per family/household. The \$10 portrait must include a child under the age of 18 years. To qualify for your 10x13" photo, you can't have had a sitting with Jack 'n' Jill in the last 6 months. The 10x13" photo can only be chosen at the pre-arranged sitting day by you, if you fail to attend for whatever reason the \$10 print is null and void and a \$10 credit will be applied to a future purchase.

**\$10 Family
Portrait
includes
one print**

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We warmly invite whānau from your community to join us in celebrating Matariki, Māori New Year at Te Keke Wānanga o Karoro/New Brighton Library.



We will be hosting the following events for you to enjoy:

[Matariki Toi - Community Art Project](#)

Monday 10 & 24 June
3.30-4.30pm
Free, no booking required

[Matariki Whānau Day - Family Fun Day](#)

Saturday 15 June
10.30am-3pm
Free, no booking required

[Matariki Wā Kōrero/Storytimes](#)

Monday 17 June
10.30-11.15am
Free, no booking required

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Safe Kids In Early Supercent
Parkview
10 Chodbury Street, Parklands, Christchurch, New Zealand

<p>Health Fast Food</p> <p>Mon 08 Jul</p> <p>Making fast food healthy. We can all learn together.</p>	<p>Tie Dye T-Shirts</p> <p>Tue 09 Jul</p> <p>Come along and bring a white or light coloured t-shirt. Discover the wonders of tie dye!</p>	<p>Legol Legol Legol</p> <p>Wed 10 Jul</p> <p>Ever wonder what it would be like to play in a room filled with lego? Come and join us at Dreamtime Station.</p>	<p>Roller Disco Time!</p> <p>Thu 11 Jul</p> <p>Disco time on rollerblades... more fun than you have ever had!</p>	<p>Tech Day</p> <p>Fri 12 Jul</p> <p>It's all about Technology today. Bring your device and join us. No worries if you don't have, we have can help.</p>
<p>Clay Day</p> <p>Mon 15 Jul</p> <p>The only limit is your imagination. Come and make any creation that you can imagine.</p>	<p>Ice Skating Fun</p> <p>Tue 16 Jul</p> <p>We are off to the ice rink. Come and join us in a fun filled session at the rink.</p>	<p>Amazing Race</p> <p>Wed 17 Jul</p> <p>Come find all the clues and be the first to cross the finish line.</p>	<p>Off to the Pools</p> <p>Thu 18 Jul</p> <p>Bring your togs and we are off to the local outdoor pools.</p>	<p>Party Day</p> <p>Fri 19 Jul</p> <p>Bring a plate to share, play some party games and dance the day away!</p>

For more information, call +64-210784064 or email parkview@skids.co.nz

Register now at www.skids.co.nz click on **Parent Login**

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WRITE ON WINTER WRITING SCHOOL

Join us for one day or four days of exciting writing – exploring words and ways to put them together.

The School for Young Writers team of wonderful tutors will guide you through a creative writing process from generating ideas to polishing off pieces.

You can join up for one day of writing or come to all four days. Different Workshops Daily.

MONDAY JULY 8
TUESDAY JULY 9
WEDNESDAY JULY 10
THURSDAY JULY 11

10.00- 2.00 daily
at The Writers' Block
Hagley College

\$30 per day
or \$110 for all four days

Two classes
Years 5 & 6
Years 7 & 8

KidsFest

6 - 20 July 2019



The School for Young Writers

TE KŪKA KAITIHI KANGATAHI

WAIMAKARERE WRITING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY JULY 17th

THE CHICKEN RAP

Write with a food theme.

Learn new ways to tell your parents you don't like broccoli!

Tutor: Gail Ingram

Ages 8 to 12

Fee: \$15.00

Kaiapoi Library 10-12

Rangiora Town Hall 1.30-3.30

FRIDAY JULY 19th

TRUTH IS STRANGE- FICTION CAN BE STRANGER!

In this workshop we will take true stories and twist them into fabulous fiction.

Tutor: Heather McQuillan

Ages 8 to 12

Fee: \$15.00

Kaiapoi Library 10-12

Rangiora Town Hall 1.30-3.30

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DON'T INVITE THIS LOT IN

MAKE YOUR WORK A FLU-FREE ZONE

- Get your flu shot
- Stay at home if you're sick
- Cover your coughs and sneezes
- Wash and dry your hands often
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces

Check out www.flufree.co.nz for more info and flu facts.

Canterbury District Health Board
FLU-FREE
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