



Newsletter #13 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 23 August 2019

E ara ake ana i te ūruhi
Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou

The Canterbury Schools 15 March Lockdown Review Final Report, compiled by KPMG, was released this week. You may have heard parts of this being discussed in the media. There is much for us to learn from the contents of the report, and also much that reinforces the procedures that we already have in place. Factors that contributed to a more positive experience from children's perspective included staff keeping them busy with games and activities, and the extent to which staff remained calm and provided reassurance.

On **Thursday September 5th at 1pm** we will be practising our in-school lock-down procedures for 30 minutes. Teachers will talk with children in the lead up to this day and time so that everyone understands what is happening, and that there is no need to panic. Teachers will be focusing on our procedures for accounting for children, moving children within the Learning Studios, and maintaining a calm and purposeful atmosphere. Business as usual really.

We will send messages to our parent community at the start and end of the lock-down drill via email, text, our School App, and our Facebook page. Please make sure you have informed the office of any change in email or cell phone numbers. If you have not downloaded our school app then now is a good time to do so. You can find the instructions for this later in the newsletter.

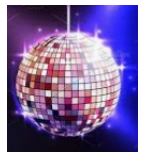
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Mark Your Calendar

AUGUST

- 27th Reading Together Programme
- 29th Strum, Strike, Blow, 6.30pm
- 30th School Disco
3.15pm Y1-3
5.30pm Y4-6



SEPTEMBER

- 2nd Scholastic Book Orders Due
- 3rd Getting Ready For Rāwhiti Party
- 4th Show & Tell in Y7/8 Class
- 9-13 Maori Language Week
- 11th Y7/8 Ski Trip
- 12th Cultural Festival, 12.30pm
- 13th School Photos
- 18th Y4 Marae Visit
- 19th BOT Meeting
- 20th Whole School Assembly
- 24th & 25th Tawhirimatea Visit To Ferrymead
- 26th Last Day Of Term For Students**
- 27th Teacher Only Day
Last Day of Term



From The Principal— continued ...

There is no need for parents to come to school during the lock down practice. The KPMG report highlights that one of the factors that contributed to a less positive experience, from children's perspective, was being able to see their parents/caregivers waiting outside but not being able to communicate with them. Witnessing parents/caregivers becoming agitated, aggressive or distressed also impacted negatively on children.

On September 5th any visitors, including parents, arriving at school during the lock down practice will not be allowed to enter or leave any of our school buildings.

'Year 7/8 Show and Tell' Wednesday September 4th

If you are interested in how our Year 7/8 Learning Studio operates and what we offer to children at this level of the school then mark this date in your diary. We'll be running a day of showcase sessions, each with a different focus, and also providing a chance to meet with the teachers and ask questions specifically about your child. Parents of Year 6 students will have received an invitation to this event via the school app and our FaceBook page, but any parent who is interested is welcome to attend. At the beginning of next week we will email out a link so that you can register for the sessions that interest you the most.

Teacher Only Day Friday September 27th.

When the Board of Trustees set the term dates for 2019 they made allowance for us to close for a Teacher Only Day at some stage during the year. This has been scheduled for the last day of this term, therefore school will be closed on Friday September 27th. The term will end for students on Thursday 26th. Please note this date now and make alternative arrangements for your children on this day.

Parking Concerns

Parking habits around the school gate continue to cause us – and many of you - concern.

- The parking spaces immediately outside the gate have a 3 minute parking limit to allow for quick pick up and drop of. This is being largely ignored, with some parents parking for up to 40 minutes in these spaces to ensure they are close to the school at the end of the day.
- **Yellow lines** mean the same thing outside our school as they do everywhere else in the city – **don't park on them.**
- The speed bump at the corner is not a crossing and yet dozens of parents are teaching their children to cross here, putting them at significant risk of being hit by cars coming round the corner from Grantley Street.
- If you are not a staff member, please don't use the staff carpark.

As a school we are not able to 'police' the car parks on the street – but we do regularly report parking issues to the City Council and request their support in enforcing the parking regulations. If you observe irresponsible or dangerous parking you are welcome to contact the council directly. The easiest way to fix the parking issues currently being experienced is for everyone to act with integrity – which is what we expect our children to do.

Liz Weir, Principal

Principals Awards *Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki*



Rongo mā Tane

Lilia, Sanchia, Jaxon B x3, Kera, Elijah, Layla,
Nixon, Liam C, Kobe H x3, Lucas F, Millie

Ata Hapara

Mareko Manuseuga



Reading Together Programme

If your child is new to reading, or you want to help support your child with reading, then you should consider taking part in our Term 3 Reading Together workshop programme for parents.

We are sure you will find it of great help for yourself and your child(ren) as you support their education. We all know how very important reading is for children to succeed. One of the things that really helps children to become good readers is support from home. The Reading Together workshops will show you how best to do this. A number of our parents have already attended the workshops when we have run them and have found the programme very helpful.

The next workshop is Tuesday 27th August at 1.30pm.

The programme is free so if you'd like to attend please contact Lisa (Rongo Ma Tane), Kylie (Ata Hapara) or Kim in the office.



SchoolApps

As Liz mentioned earlier it you have not downloaded the "SchoolApps" app yet, please go to GooglePlay or the AppStore and download it so we can contact you in emergencies, for our lockdown drill, and also through the term with information relevant to your child.

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EPro8 Semi-Finalists

Congratulations to Rosie, Abe, Jelani and Angus who competed in the semi-finals of EPro8 at Kirkwood Intermediate this week and placed 5th out of 12 teams. Great effort team.



Congratulations to Deacon who won "Player of the Year", and Pax who won "Most Improved" for their New Brighton rugby teams this year. Well done boys.





Does Your Child Want To Play Touch?

The Monday Afternoon Touch Competition is starting in Term 4, on the 14th of October. If your child wants to play contact Talei (Tane Mahuta), Courtney (Papatuanuku), Mr Redmond (Tangaroa) or Kim (Office) to register or click on this link:

[Register for Touch](#)

or there is a form later on in the newsletter that you can complete and take to the office.

DETAILS:

- Years 1&2 and 3&4 start at 4.00pm
- Year 5&6 games start at 4.40pm
- Year 7&8 games start at 5.20pm
- Competition is Term 4, in 2019 and Term 1 in 2020.
- Cost is \$25 per term. This **MUST BE PAID** prior to touch starting please (as this is an extra-curricula activity). If no payment is received, they won't be able to play.
- Mixed teams of 7-9 players needed.

School will provide the shirts. The children need running/touch shoes and shorts.

Beginners very welcome! In-school coaching provided. At the moment we have 3 coaches. Any other offers of help will mean we can have more teams if required.



Be Safe At Our School Gate

As Liz mentioned earlier, please remember the following around dropping/picking up your children:

- The mobility parks are only to be used by parents **WITH A MOBILITY STICKER VISIBLE** in the window **and** who intend on leaving the car to collect their child.
- Do not block neighbour's driveways.
- Do not double park.
- Do not let children in/out of the cars in the middle of the road.
- Ensure all children have their seatbelts on before you drive away.
- The speed bump on the corner of Grantley St 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.

Please be respectful if our teachers talk to you regarding these points as we are just trying to keep all children safe.

Thank You!

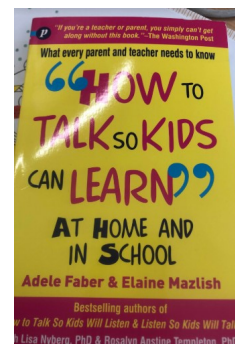
We were very lucky to receive a kind donation from Wayne Turner at the Shirley Tennis Club of their unused tennis balls. We have added these into studios for kids to use at break and as part of their PE programmes.



KidsCan Crazy Day

Thanks to everyone who dressed up for the recent KidsCan Crazy Mufti Day. We raised \$558.90 for this wonderful organisation that supports our school. Thank you everyone!

Heading To The Parent Library Soon ...



Rawhiti School Disco

30 August 2019

Year 1 - 3
3:15pm - 4:30pm

Year 4 - 6
5:30pm - 7:00pm

Rāwhiti School Hall

Tickets for Sale
Outside the office
Monday 26th - Thursday 29th August
8.30 - 9.00am and 2.50 - 3.10pm

\$2

All children will need to be collected from the hall and signed out before leaving.

Any questions please talk to your classroom teacher or email
sharont@rawhiti.school.nz

PTA Events Coming Up ...

Monday 2nd September, 7.30pm

Mark in your calendar to come along to a Dance Fit Class with Fiona (one of our parents). First session is free and will be held on Monday 2nd September at 7.30pm in the school hall.

This will become a regular thing so come along, have a go and have some fun.



Friday 18th October

Pop in your diary to come down and play some Bingo, Thingo Jingo on Friday 18th of October at 7pm. More details to follow soon.



... and our quiz night raised over \$4700!
Thank you to everyone who attended and to the fabulous sponsors who supported the night.



Term 4 Basketball—Eastside 3x3 Competition

The Eastside 3x3 basketball competition is back for another year and registrations are now open. The competition will be Tuesday afternoons in Term 4, starting 22nd October.

There are 3 grades to play in: Years 5&6, 7&8 and 9&10. Teams are made up of 3-5 players and do not need to be linked to a school or club to enter. All grades are mixed gender, and younger players are welcome to play up a grade if interested.

Every team gets 2 games each afternoon. No issues if players haven't played before as the competition has a very chilled "give it a go" and "have fun" vibe. Games are held at Rāwhiti School courts and all games are refereed.

Plenty of prizes up for grabs, not just for place getters. Cost is \$140 per team which works out to \$28 per player in a team of 5. [Click here](http://www.youthalivetrust.org.nz/events/3x3) to enter or head to www.youthalivetrust.org.nz/events/3x3 or contact Matt by email at matt.barnes@yat.org.nz



Rawhiti School After-School Touch Teams
for Monday Afternoon Touch Competition

- When: Term 4 2019 and Term 1 2020
- Years 1/2 and 3/4 games start at 4pm
- Year 5/6 games start at 4:40pm
- Year 7/8 games start at 5:20pm
- The school provides shirts. The children need running or touch shoes and shorts
- Mixed teams of 7-9 players
- Beginners very welcome - in-school coaching provided
- Cost: \$25 per term
- At the moment we have 3 coaches, any offers of help will mean we can have more teams if required.

IF YOU ARE KEEN PLEASE SEE TALEI, COURTNEY, MR REDMOND, OR KIM TO
REGISTER OR REGISTER ONLINE



I give _____ permission to play in a
school touch team.

I am available / unavailable for coaching.

I can / cannot help with washing my child's teams uniform

Please circle:

- Term 4 only
- Term 4 & 1
- Year 1 & 2
- Year 3 & 4
- Year 5 & 6
- Year 7 & 8

My child has the following relevant medical issues that team managers should be
aware of: _____

Parent name _____

Phone number/s _____

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- FIRST PRIZE \$3,000
- SECOND PRIZE \$2,000
- THIRD PRIZE \$1,000
- RUNNER UP PRIZE \$500 (Aft and Seb Hare)

\$1 = 1 POINT


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The Palms

If You Shop At The Palms ... between 5-25 August 2019 you can take your receipts to the customer service desk and they will register the amount of your purchase to our school. \$1 spent at The Palms give us one reward point. **Earn double points every Sunday!**

You can check how we're doing by going to www.myschoolrules.co.nz

Flyers are in each classroom if you want more information.



WIN A SHARE OF \$7,000 FOR YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL!

HOW TO ENTER!

- 1 Register to log your reward points by creating a profile at the Customer Service Desk.
- 2 Each time you shop at The Palms, register your receipts at the Customer Service Desk.
- 3 Every \$1 spent in-centre equals one reward point for your nominated local school.
- 4 Earn Double Points every Sunday! When you register your receipts on Sunday, and you have a participating school's student with you, you earn double points. On Sundays, \$1 spent equals two reward points.

YOU COULD WIN \$250 YOURSELF!

Every customer who registers to participate in the campaign goes in the draw to WIN a \$250 Palms Gift Card, which will be drawn at the end of the campaign.

CHECK THE LEADERBOARD AT MYSCHOOLRULES.CO.NZ

Get ready to shop to WIN and show everyone that your local school rules!

T's and C's apply - see website for details.

THE COMPETITION RUNS FROM 5 - 25 AUGUST

BIG SCHOOL OR SMALL - IT'S A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD

The total number of points allocated to each school will be divided by the number of pupils enrolled at the school to establish a participation percentage. This means the first prize is fair game for all regardless of how many kids are at each school!

In the event that two schools earn the same amount of total points, and are eligible for a prize, two consecutive place getter's prizes will be added together and divided between the two schools.

All participating schools will appear on the My School Rules Leaderboard on the campaign website and in-centre, charting each school's place, with live updates throughout the campaign.

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Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori

Christchurch Vegan Society is launching a new youth group for ages 9+. The group is called Pihinga and will focus on sustainability and the environment as well as connecting with local community groups and leaders.

I have attached our poster with details regarding our first group, which will be a quiz night.

We would really appreciate it if you could promote this within your networks and school newsletter.

Please feel free to get in touch for further information.



Ngā mihi,

Chloe Youngson | Office Manager
Christchurch Vegan Society

Visit us: veganchristchurch.org.nz



“Have A Go” Sports Sessions Are Back



Fancy your child trying a new sport or gaining a new skill? “Have A Go” sports sessions are back on Tuesday and Thursday from 3.10pm—4.10pm for the rest of this term. Cost is \$4 per session and can be either pre-paid or paid on the day.

[Click here](http://www.easterncommunity.co.nz/programme/have-a-go/) for more details or go to www.easterncommunity.co.nz/programme/have-a-go/

Kids can code

Connect with Code Club Aotearoa and grow your coding clout

3.30 – 4.30pm
Thursdays
Free, no bookings
New Brighton Library

Christchurch City Council

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST 2019

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.

OTAUTAHİ SOFTBALL CLUB

REGISTRATION DAY'S 2019

- * Sunday 25th August at Otautahi Club Rooms
Tuam St, 3:30pm-4:00pm
- * Saturday 31st August at
Bower Park,
New Brighton Rd
12:00pm - 2:00pm
Free Sausage Sizzle
New Player's Welcome
For more info contact
Irlene
022 163 8072

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