

Newsletter #14 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 6 September 2019 E ara ake ana i te ūruhi Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Malo e lelei,

Yesterday we practiced our Reverse Evacuation, or 'Lock Down' procedures for the first time since the extended lockdown in March. Teachers had done a great job of preparing the children in advance and our children were amazing throughout the 30 minute drill. I am sure some children did not even notice! We will continue to work on these so that, like Fire Drills, our children know exactly what to do and how to react. We will continue to give plenty of notice as to when these will be held so that no one needs to feel anxious about what is happening.

Chrome Books for Year 7 and 8 Students

I am very excited that the Board of Trustees has approved funding for the purchase of one Chrome Book per child at the Year 7 & 8 level of the school in 2020.

Over the last few years we have purchased a number of Chrome Books for each studio to support our involvement in the Manaiakalani Outreach Programme. The success of the programme is based on the positive impact of students blogging about their learning. Through blogging students are able to write for a real audience and receive feedback that encourages them to learn. Instead of students' learning only being seen by their teachers at school, their families, peers and other people can see, read and comment on it at any time. Students' blogs connect them with a wide audience anywhere in NZ and even across the world.

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SEPTEMBER

- 9-13 Maori Language Week
- 11th Y7/8 Ski Trip
- 12th Cultural Festival, 12.30pm
- 13th School Photos
- 13th Y4 Have-A-Go
- 17-19 Koru Games
- 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)

OCTOBER

14th First day of term 4



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While there is nothing wrong with sharing, it does place limits on what can be achieved, and it will be of great benefit to our senior students to have access to a device that is specifically for their use at school.

More About Manaiakalani

Rāwhiti School joined the Manaiakalani Outreach Programme in 2018. Over the past 18 months teachers at Rāwhiti School and six other schools in the Te Ara Tūhura Cluster have been learning about the Manaiakalani model of teaching and learning called Learn Create Share. So far at Rāwhiti School eight teachers have completed intensive training, four more are currently involved and all staff are participating in ongoing professional learning. As teachers are implementing Learn Create Share with their classes they are seeing children becoming more engaged, growing in confidence and making progress, especially in Writing.

The Woolf Fisher research group has been gathering data from Manaiakalani Schools for 10 years now and the evidence clearly shows that student achievement in these schools is higher than in schools that are not involved. By the time they reach Year 9, a student from a Manaiakalani school will be achieving higher in writing, reading and maths than students who have not been in the Outreach Programmes. By Year 9 students will be 1½ years (4 terms) ahead in Writing, 2½ terms ahead in Reading and ½ a term ahead in Mathematics.

Year 6 Students

Many thanks to those who found the time to come along and see our Year 7 & 8 Learning Studio in action on Wednesday. The teaching team very much enjoyed meeting and talking with you all. They are now planning some transition sessions for early in Term 4 where Year 6 students will work with the Year 7/8 teachers, and also an opportunity for Year 6 students to have a taster session at the Linwood College Technology Centre, which is where our seniors go each week for their manual training.

If you would like to talk with the teachers in the Intermediate section of our school about how things might work for your child in 2020 then please feel free to contact the acting Team Leader, Sharon Thompson sharont@rawhiti.school.nz to make a time to connect.

Before the end of the term we will be sending a link to parents of our Year 6 students so that they can share with us their intentions for their child in 2020. This information is needed by us to be able to manage our staffing allocation for the coming year.

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori



Next week is Maori Language Week. There will be a number of things happening at school to encourage all children to use more te reo Māori, and here's a chance for parents and caregivers to get involved. If you are coming in to the office next week and you use a te reo Maori greeting, Kim will have a little treat for you (parents/caregivers only). It will be great for our children to hear everyone using the language.

Ngā mihi nu nui ki a koutou, Liz Weir, Principal

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Principals Awards Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki

Rongo mā Tane

Vinnie x2, Lucas F x3, Maniya x2, Eva, Amelia, Harper, Rangi, Charlotte H, Bentley H x2, Liam, Millie x3, Mayan x3, Elijah, Lexie T, Azaliyah P x2, Layla, Nixon B, Zavier C, Jacob, Spencer, Eden, Jeremiah x2, Maddie B, James D x2, Jamahni x2, Ruby, Ben, Carys, Leeton

Ata Hapara

Mareko, Ihaia

Tawhirimatea Nikita

Tangaroa Charlotte, Clara





Teacher Only Day Friday 27th September

When the Board of Trustees set the term dates for 2019 they made an 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 27^{th.} The term will end for students on Thursday 26th. Please note this date now and make alternative arrangements for your children on this day.

Adult Sized T-Shirts Needed

Rongo-mā-tāne would appreciate any adult sized T shirts that you no longer want, so we can use them for art T-shirts.



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Well done to Luke and Thomas for winning the red section at winter sports for table tennis!



School Holiday Activity

In the coming school holidays Genesis is partnering up with Imagination Station, located in the Turanga Library in Christchurch, to offer renewable energy workshops with LEGO for kids. Children will also get to have a go on the Human Energy Generator during the workshop. Because we are a Genesis School-gen school, they are offering us a 50% discount so the session will only cost \$5 per student.

To take advantage of the discount, go to this link and use discount code 'Genesis'.

Imagination Station Session





School Photos—Friday 13th September

School photos are scheduled for next Friday 13th September so please ensure that your child comes to school looking sparkling clean and in the correct school uniform.

Children with non-regulation uniform items will be asked to remove these before photos are taken, this includes hair accessories, socks and tights, and long sleeved thermal tops that are not black or white. We have included a full list of school uniform items in this newsletter so that you can check what is allowed.

If you would like a family photo taken, please complete this form and hand it in to the office **no later than Wednesday 11th September**. If you can't print it out there are copies at the office.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Friday 13th September 2019

All students will have an individual photo taken, and each studio will have a studio photo taken. Sports team photos will also be taken. It is expected that all students are in the correct school uniform. There is no commitment to purchase any of these photos of your child/ren

If you wish for family photos to be taken please complete the form below and return to the school office BY WEDNESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2019.

It is really important that this form is returned by this date.

FAMILY PHOTOS: Friday 13th September 2019

I wish for my children to have their family photo taken on Friday 13th September 2019.

Name: _____

Room: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Room: _____

Room: _____

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Rāwhiti School Uniform

Uniform can be ordered through <u>http://rawhitiuniform.bigimpact.co.nz/</u> Orders can also be placed at the school office, if you are not able to order online.

Polo Shirts and Jackets

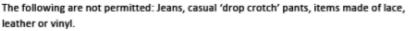
Regulation polo shirts must be worn. Regulation polar fleece must be worn.

Year 7 & 8 students may choose to wear a regulation polar fleece, or a Rāwhiti Senior jacket.

Students can wear long-sleeved black or white thermal tops under the school t-shirts.

Lower-half Items

Children can wear plain black lower-half items - shorts, skirts, skorts, tracksuit pants, cargo pants or other school style trousers.



Shoes

Students must wear footwear appropriate for school and physical activities e.g. leather school shoes, sandals, sneakers, sports shoes. Jandals, boots, or shoes with high heels are not permitted.



Socks and Tights

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

Sunhats

Regulation Rāwhiti sunhats must be worn in Terms One and Four. The school office will always have a supply of these for sale.



Jewellery and piercings

Students may wear: taonga, a watch, ear studs (no hoops or dangling earrings). Nose piercings are discouraged and nose rings are not permitted. Discreet studs only. Tongue piercings are not permitted.

Hair and hair accessories

Hair should be kept clean, neat and tidy, and away from the face. Shoulder length hair must be tied back in a tidy manner by a hair tie or similar. Hair accessories should be kept to the school colours. No sparkly or multi coloured hair accessories are to be worn. Hair styles must allow sun hats to be worn in terms one and four.

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Makeup Makeup is not permitted.

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

Cultural Festival—Thursday 12th September

Our kapahaka group will be performing at the Primary Schools Cultural Festival at Horncastle Arena, 12.30pm on Thursday 12th September.

Performers will be leaving school at 9.40am, and nonperforming children that have purchased tickets to see the performance will be leaving school at 11.15am. All children will be busing back to school and should be back at school around 3pm.

If you haven't purchased tickets already, these can still be purchased through Ticketek:

Link to Ticketek



Upcoming Trips/Activities

The following activities are coming up before the end of term and some fees are still owing. Please support your child by making payment if they are participating in any of these activities:

- Koru Games: 17-19 September—\$45
- **Y4 Marae Visit**: 18 September—\$25
- Tawhirimatea To Ferrymead: 24 & 25 September—\$13



Parenting Week—9-19 September

The Neighbourhood Trust have organised a Parenting Week to provide strategies to help families through difficult times and enjoy being together with speakers like Mike King, Pio Terei and more. Below is an example of some of the sessions being held on the first two days. More details can be found at www.nht.org.nz/parentingweek or <u>click here</u>. There are some brochures at the school office.

Monday 09/09/2019

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10am	How to Support Kids Who Have Experienced Scary Things Catherine Gallagher & Jo Bader - START	St Albans Baptist Church 64 McFaddens Rd St Albans
7.00pm	Building Awesome Whanau Pio Terei – The Parenting Place	Belfast Rugby Clubrooms 18 March Place, Belfast
7.30pm	Improving Mental Health through Nature Play in the Early Years (0-6years) Celia Hogan – Little Kiwi's Nature Play	Papanui Baptist Church Hall 144 Sawyers Arms Rd
Tuesday 10/09/2019		
11am-12noon	Finding Peace After Losing a Baby Pregnancy Centre	Pregnancy Centre 88 Idris Rd, Bryndwr
7.00pm	Building Awesome Whanau Pio Terei – The Parenting Place	Haeata Community Campus 240 Breezes Rd, Aranui
7.00pm	Supporting Children with Anxiety Anna Mowat & Dean Sutherland – All right?	Shirley Primary School 11 Shirley Rd
7.30pm	OMG They're Teenagers Dr Sue Bagshaw – Collaborative Trust	The Village Church, Bryndwr 365a llam Rd



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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.)



How to raise a champion: Balance is Better



TO BE A CHAMPION IS THE BEST VERSION OF YOURSELF

TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

Sixty6 On Peterborough St 6.30-8:30pm (Doors open fipm

Cost: \$10 + booking fee

Elmwood

Join Sport Canterbury in an informative evening set by influential speakers in their field on how you can help your child navigate their way through sport. A chance to address the common misconceptions around what drives sporting

Normal School All profits made will go towards the p

SPEAKERS: Sharon Keamey - NETBALL NZ Andrew Ella - CANTERBAN CREAT John Gum- - Kerconnace wallaten John Gume - Sure Lettanno NZ TO REGISTER: FIND US ON Encolonic - Ralance is Better



Pleasant Point Yacht Club in the South New Brighton Park, is running a Learn to Sail course from Oct 7-11 2019. The course is offered to year 7 and 8 students and is is a lead up to a summer of sailing at our club.

For more information, please call Dan on 3832779 or 021 1145930

Ask us about our Americas Cup Learn to Sail Scholarships. We have limited places and conditions apply.



GIRLS CRICKET – ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING SPORTS

Parents – consider your daughter playing cricket this season in an all girls grade.

Its QUICK – finished by lunchtime Saturday. Its FUN – they play in an all girls grade and everyone gets a chance to bat and bowl every game NO EXPENSIVE GEAR NEEDED – the club supplies it all.

St Albans Cricket Club is located centrally at Hagley Park. The season starts in October and we are now taking registrations for junior girls in years 4-8. For more information see : <u>www.stalbanscricket.co.nz</u>

If interested call/text Barry 027 535 6245 or email on barryvb@stalbanscricket.co.nz



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