

Newsletter #16 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 18 October 2019 *E ara ake ana i te ūruhi Rising Above The Ordinary* 

# From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou, Welcome back to what is undoubtedly the busiest term of the school year.

Our calendar is already starting to fill up and we have set the dates for key end of year activities. You can check these out on the school calendar found on our website or on your mobile device using our school App. Our newsletter now has a "Mark Your Calendar' section on the front page that will also alert you to what is happening and when.

Over the holiday break the team from Evergreen Landscaping were here laying irrigation to the front of the school, re-sowing some sections of lawn and transforming our school fence line and front entrance with new plants. Hopefully you have noticed that we have much better 'street appeal'. We were disappointed to have 15 newly planted plants from the western end of the front fence line stolen overnight on Wednesday Oct 9<sup>th</sup>. We have replanted this section – because we really wanted the children to come back to school and see a finished product. However, we all find it so hard to believe that people think we have the money just sitting here to replace things like this – especially when we know how hard our community works to raise funds for our school.

We hope you think that our front entrance is looking much more inviting. We love the three concrete balls made for us by Garden Classics. They serve as a gentle reminder that our school has grown from three into one over the past five years.

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### OCTOBER

- 28th Labour Day
- 30th Y4-8 Athletics
- 31st Y6 Technology Visit

## NOVEMBER

- 7th BOT Meeting
- 12th Zone Athletics
- 15th School closed—Show Weekend
- 17th What Now Filming At Rawhiti
- 22nd PTA Xmas Raffle Mufti Day

## DECEMBER

- 4th Canterbury Athletics
- 12th BOT Meeting
- 13th Rumbustification Day!
- 16th Showcase Assembly
- 17th Leavers Assembly, 6pm
- 18th Poroporoaki including shared morning tea in each studio, 11am \* All whanau welcome\*

18th SCHOOL FINISHES, 12.15pm



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## From The Principal— continued ...

#### **Learning Stories Years 2-8**

Today your child will bring home a copy of their Term 3 Learning Story. In Term 3 our Inquiry was based in the Science Curriculum. The Learning Story will share with you what the teaching focus and objectives were, the learning activities your child took part in, their achievement and understanding, and how they managed themselves as a learner. If you have any questions about your child's Learning Story then you are most welcome to discuss this with their teacher

#### **Planning for 2020**

As our school is arranged into collaborative teaching teams the process of organising children into studio groups is quite different to the task of drawing up traditional class lists. A lot of professional thought goes into placing children into studio groups with teachers we think they will form a strong connection with. However, we don't always get this right. If you feel you need to share any information with us regarding your child's needs and the type of teacher you would like to see them placed with please let us know by emailing admin@rawhiti.school.nz no later than Friday 1st November. Your opinions will be considered alongside the information from teachers and input from the children themselves. If you know that your plans for 2020 do not involve Rāwhiti School please take the time to let us know now.

#### Sunhats

Our Sun Smart policy requires all children to wear a Rāwhiti School sunhat in Terms 1 and 4. We were really impressed with the number of children who turned up on Monday with hat in hand. We will give the children plenty of reminders this week and next, with the expectation being that after Labour Weekend, everyone will have located their school sunhat. After this time, all children not wearing Rāwhiti hats will be required to sit under the covered area in front of the learning studios during break times. Our shade sails have gone back up this week to provide further protection for children playing in the grounds.

#### Scooters

Sadly, we regularly have scooters that are moved during the day, or go missing from school altogether, causing great distress to the owners. While we are always reminding children to act with integrity and not take things that do not belong to them, this message is not always reinforced outside of school. One way to prevent scooter issues happening is to do what many schools do and place a ban on them altogether. However, we see this as being a rather extreme step that would have quite an impact on how many of children get to and from school, and on the way that many of our children love to play at break times.

We purposefully chose scooter and skateboard racks that have provision for locking, using a standard bike lock, and we really encourage that children bringing their scooters or boards to school learn how to lock and unlock them and do so when they are leaving their scooter unattended – just like you would in a public place. This means that no one else can take or shift what does not belong to them. We will also continue to teach children the importance of acting with integrity – doing the right things even when no one is looking.

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

# Principals Awards Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki



#### Rongo-mā-tane

Millie Will x5, Lilia x2, Chelsea, Tyler, Eva M x2, Nyah x2, Marley x2, Jaxon B, Ben M x2, Nixon S x2, Devin, Lucas F, Tobias-John, Louis, Jaxon C, Sakura, Oscar, Thea, Fletcher, James D, Mira, Evie, Carys x4, Josiah, Aria, Eden, Austin, Nate, Tupara, Sanchia, Nixon B, Maddie x2, Kimmy

## Papatūānuku

Daisy, Niya

# **Touch Rugby**

A reminder that if you registered your child for the touch rugby competition, it will be starting on Monday 21st Octo-



ber. The players need to supply their own shorts and shoes (rugby boots are OK if they don't have screw in studs but no bare feet).

There is lots of useful information about the grounds, rules and game times at:

http://www.easterncommunity.co.nz/programme/ eastern-junior-touch/

If you haven't paid already, the \$25 fee for this terms touch must be paid at the office. **If payment is not made by Monday 21st October your child will not be able to play**.

Mr Redmond has emailed all parents asking them to text him their details so he can text any cancellation information or other notices. Any questions, see Mr Redmond in Tangaroa or email him on andrew@rawhiti.school.nz

#### **Cultural Festival Link**

Here is a link to our kapa haka performance at Horncastle Arena at the end of last term.



Rāwhiti At Cultural Festival 2019

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#### **ICAS Assessments**

Last term some students took part in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) assessments. These assessments are very challenging, and require students to use a deep level of thinking under exam conditions. It was great to see students take up this opportunity, push themselves and have a go at this experience.

Well done to the following students who were awarded certificates:

### **Digital Technology**

Merit - Ruby B

### English

Merit - Isla H, Brooke W, Freya M Credit - Ronan M, Abe R, Bluebell, Olive L, Milly C, Charlotte J, Elliot L, Lexie S Distinction - Brooke W, Skye Y, Rosie P

#### Science

Merit - Abe R Credit - Jakob P, Logan D

#### Mathematics

Merit - Izzy M, Luke P Credit - Elliot L, Noah S, Brooke W, Azryel F, Kaeden M, Distinction - Tian M, Lexie S, Charlotte J

#### **School Photos**

Your child should be bringing home their photos and order forms today.

If they were in a sports team or kapa haka, these photos can be viewed and ordered at the school office.



You can order online or with the envelope that will be attached.

#### Rāwhiti School Newsletter

#### #16, Term 4, 2019

What Now Live From Rāwhiti School!!



Exciting news—What Now will be broadcasting live from Rāwhiti School on Sunday 17th November and everyone from far and wide is invited to attend!

<u>Click on this link</u> to register to be part of the audience or you can just turn up on the day. The more the merrier!

Expect lots of free, family friendly fun and entertainment ... not to mention slime and gunge galore!

#### Year 6 Technology visit

Year 6 students who are remaining at Rawhiti for Year 7 will be visiting the Linwood College Technology Centre on Thursday 31st October. This is part of their transition into our senior school, and will allow them to get a 'taster' of the different options provided by the technology centre, to become familiar with the routines and place, and to meet some of the staff who they will be working with over the next two years. A teacher from their current studio will accompany them.

Students will need to be at school before 8:30am on this day to ensure they are on time for the bus. Please make sure long hair is tied back and students are wearing closed toes shoes.





WHAT NOW - New Zealand's top youth TV series is broadcasting live from Rāwhiti School on Sunday November 17th.

And everyone - far and wide - is invited!!

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Ideally, we'd prefer you to please register to be part of our audience at: www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience

But don't want to register? No worries! Just rock on up on the day and be a part of a fantastic event, showcasing Christchurch to the nation in 2019!

# School Holiday Activities

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Kelly Sport "Have A Go" sessions on a Wednesday will be starting on the 23rd October from 3:10pm -4:10pm.

\$55 for 7 sessions paid directly to Kelly Sports on the day.



Come on over to Carnaby Lane for an evening of great food, cool cars and toe tapping live music by Penny Black and the Broken Men. The Burger Joint will be open all evening providing their fantastic menu. Grab a Southpaw brew a glass of wine or pop outside for a hot drink from The Green Bear coffee cart. A cruise route will be laid out so you can watch a show case of hot rods muscle cars and classics. A great way to kick off 2019 Rockabilly celebrations in our village!

# Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori

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# GOSPEL SING ALONG

#### Sunday 20th October 2019

Location: St Luke's Church, 212 Pine Ave.,

South Brighton

Time: Starting 5:00pm then followed by a Shared Tea,

All Welcome. Bring your singing voice and a plate of finger Food to share for dinner.

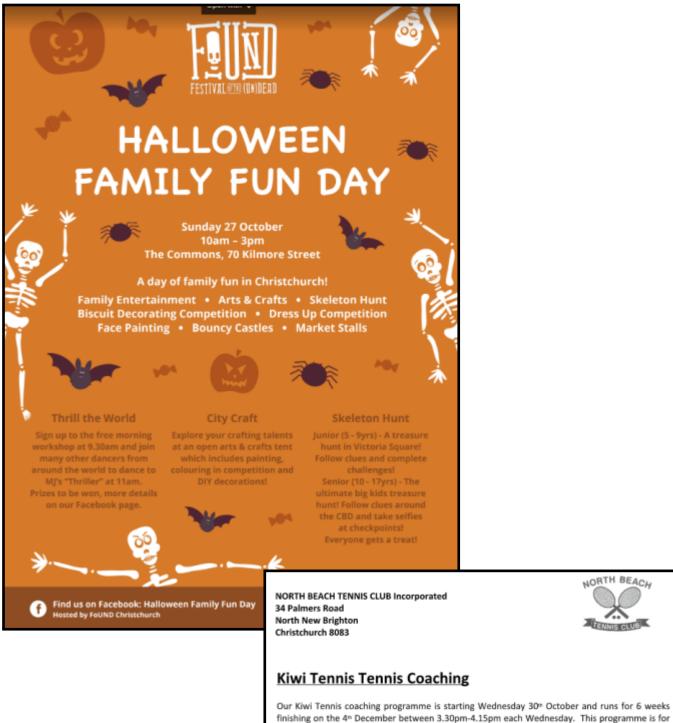
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TENNIS CLUB

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finishing on the 4<sup>th</sup> December between 3.30pm-4.15pm each Wednesday. This programme is for beginners in the 5-7year age group which is designed to teach basic skills and generate enthusiasm for tennis. It is a popular programme and a great introduction to tennis.

For more details and information please contact: Varinia 021-0312199 or email us at nbtc@hotmail.co.nz.

#### **RISING ABOVE THE ORDINARY**