



Newsletter #18 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 18 November 2019

E ara ake ana i te ūruhi
Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou, This is my last newsletter for the year as I will be away on sick leave for the last four weeks of the term, recovering from a hip replacement operation. I am hoping to be able to come along to the Final Assembly on Tuesday Dec 17th and look forward to catching up with everyone there.

In my absence, Helen Parata will be the Acting Principal. Please do not hesitate to contact Helen if you have any questions or concerns.

Paul Wilkinson, who has been on study leave this year finishing his Masters' Degree, will be back at school from next Monday for the remainder of the school year. I know many of our children will be looking forward to catching up with Paul.

I know the school will be in capable hands through to the end of the year.

Success @ Rāwhiti

Over the past few weeks there has been much to celebrate here at school.

Our choir took part in the **Town Hall Music Festival** on November 5th, for the first time since we have been open. Rachel Beaumont and the choir had been working hard for nearly two terms to perfect the performance pieces, and the quality of singing on the night was outstanding. I am

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Mark Your Calendar

NOVEMBER

- 18th School Pool Open This Week
- 19th Pasifika Fono, 5pm
- 21st Tawhirimatea Mash Tough Kids
- 22nd PTA Xmas Raffle Mufti Day
- 22nd Year 3/4 Tabloid Sports Day

DECEMBER

- 4th Canterbury Athletics
 - 5th Last Tech Session for Y7/8s
 - 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



From The Principal— SUCCESS@Rawhiti continued ...

sure that the children in our choir will not forget their experience of singing with 800 other children, accompanied by a full orchestra, in the newly refurbished Christchurch Town Hall.

The annual **Rotary Service Awards** recognise outstanding Year 8 students who give service to their school community. This year our three award recipients were Lewis Hawkyard, Ryley Dijkstra and Joanna Proctor. The morning after the awards dinner I received the following email from a Rotarian present at the awards.

"I would like to extend my compliments to your teacher and three pupils who attended the Rotary prize giving last evening. I travelled from Ashburton as our club helped this Rotary club in Christchurch survive during the earthquake and I was very impressed with the evening. But most of all I felt your three students and their teacher showed extremely good manners and had great conversational skills for students of their age. Compliments to all, well done."

We had a large team of students competing in the **Eastern Zone Athletic Sports** last week and many have qualified to represent Rāwhiti School at the Canterbury Athletics tournament on December 4th. We congratulate the following students on this significant achievement:

Ollie, Reef, Connor Y, Giovanni, Tom, Aidan, Riley DG, Nate, Diego, Ashton, Izzy, Miriam, Kymaira, Lauryn, Clara, Nevaeh N, Azryel, Minttu, Jade, Anika, Zack V, Josh D, Leyam, Te-Manako.

Last week our Year 3 team, the Otautahi Crafters, won **first place in the Open category at the Digi Awards** for their Minecraft 'Red Zone' project. This team worked so hard on their collaborative project and it is great to have their work recognised at this level. Congratulations to the Otautahi Crafters and also to our eLearning facilitator, Elizabeth Kazmierczak, who worked tirelessly with this group. The individual students names and a link to their project are later in the newsletter.

At the time of writing we are also waiting to hear how they have placed in the MADE Awards – keep an eye on the next newsletter.

Government Donations Scheme

At its last meeting the Board of Trustees voted to opt into the new Government Donations Scheme for schools in 2020. This means that the school will receive additional funding of \$150 per child for agreeing to stop asking families and whānau for donations.

As this is a new government initiative there are a number of 'unknowns' and so the BOT has agreed to trial this system for the 2020 school year. We think that the new scheme will benefit everyone in our community, however we want to make sure that we do not have to cut the number of opportunities we offer to children. This means that we will no longer be asking parents to pay for class trips, or for winter sport.

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From The Principal— Government Donations Scheme continued ...

Under the new scheme, there are some costs that schools can still ask parents to contribute to:

- Overnight school camps will be exempted from the Donations Scheme, which means that Boards will still be able to ask family/whānau for donations towards school camps that have an overnight component.
- Schools can ask students' family/whānau to purchase a device for their student to use at school (BYOD) and the family/whānau can choose whether to purchase or not.
- Parents will continue to pay for extra-curricula music lessons provided at Rāwhiti School by Amplify School of Music.
- Parents can be asked to pay for visiting drama or music groups, weekend or after hours sports teams, and school dances or social events, participation in these types of activities is voluntary and that participation incurs a charge.
- Programmes such as Mathletics or Maths Whizz can be purchased for home use but families and whānau must be able to choose whether to purchase or not.
- Parents will still be charged for the 'take-home' component of the Year 7/8 technology/manual programme – so that children can bring home the things that they make in woodwork, metalwork, fabric technology etc. The foods component of the technology will be covered by the school.

We will make sure that we communicate clearly if there are any costs that parents will be asked to cover.

Final Assembly Tuesday 17th December, 6.00pm

This special assembly is a whole school event at which we recognise a range of achievements, celebrate our year, and farewell our Year 8 students. It's a chance for everyone at Rāwhiti School to acknowledge our senior students and wrap up the year in a collaborative way. All children are expected to be part of this event to participate in the whole school haka. The assembly is scheduled for the early evening to allow families to attend. The usually running time is 1 hour.

Ngā mihi nu nui ki a koutou

Liz Weir

Principal

Principals Awards

Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki



Rongo-mā-tane

Spencer x2, Azaiah, Jake L x2, Nyah L x3, Carys, Rangī, Jeremiah x2, Harper x2, Lucas x2, Liam, Mayan, Ben M x4, Ashleigh x2, Eden B x2, Vinnie, Tobias-John, Jackson x3, Kim, Chelsea x2, Jamahni, Geordie, Aria, Quinn, Elijah x4, Sanchia x2, Beau, Emil, Austin x3, Sophie, Hayze, Carter, Kera.

Tawhirimātea

Nikita N

Tabloid Sports Day

Our Year 3 & 4 students will be attending the Tabloid Sports Day at Ascot park on Friday 22nd November. Parkview School will also be attending and the day is being run by the Shirley Boys High School Year 9/10 PE department.

Our students will be walking down with some of the teachers. They will leave at 10.30am and will be back by about 2.30pm. A notice will be coming home with more details but they will have to take their sunhat, a packed lunch and drink bottle. If it is wet it will be cancelled.

Considering Purchasing A Chromebook Through The New Scheme?

If you are considering purchasing a Chromebook through the financing option, [CLICK HERE](#) for further details on what the repayments would look like.

For details on the 3 ways you could purchase a Chromebook [CLICK HERE](#).



Senior Jacket 2020



If your Year 6 child is continuing at Rawhiti School for Year 7 they will have been given a notice last week to bring home about purchasing a senior school jacket for 2020. Any questions about the senior jackets, contact Cheryl in the office or email her on exec@rawhiti.school.nz

Rāwhiti Policy Review

Each term, board members, staff, and/or parents are asked to review and comment on specific policy.

This term the two policies that are being reviewed are:



1. Sun Protection
2. Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC).

To read and review policies online, please log on to the SchoolsDocs website:

<http://rawhiti.schooldocs.co.nz/>

User name 'Rawhiti', password 'East' or see Kim in the office for a hard copy.

Click on each policy up for review, read through them, then click on the red UNDER REVIEW button and leave your comments.

Feedback is due by Friday 6th December 2019.



Purchasing a Chrome Books for your child

Over the past two years 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 ten teachers have completed intensive training, 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.



As a school we have purchased several sets of Chrome books however we have reached a point where we are not able to provide devices for every child from Year 4 onwards to use. To enable teachers to implement Learn Create Share across the school children we have had children sharing devices and this does place limits on their learning. Children who have a personally owned Chrome book will have the advantage of being able to learn anytime and in any place, including at home.

We are now able to offer parent the opportunity to purchase a Chromebook for their child to use at school in 2020. By purchasing in bulk through the Manaiakalani Trust, Rāwhiti parents can buy a Chromebook for a significantly reduced cost. The bundle will include the Acer C733 and carry bag, 32 GB Local Storage, 3 Year Warranty and 3 Years Insurance - 2 Repair Claims or 1 Replacement. The devices come set up ready to use at school at no additional cost. The cost per device will be \$500. **There is the option to pay it off over 1-3 years which would make the weekly payment more achievable for parents. Financing details and other information are in this newsletter.**

After much research and testing the Acer C733 has been chosen by the Manaiakalani Trust for 2020 as the device most capable of ensuring teachers can teach and students can Learn Create Share. This managed device enables us to support our learners to make cybersmart choices and develop the knowledge and skills to navigate the complexities of the world wide web. By purchasing our Chromebooks in bulk through the Trust we are able to ensure you are getting the best value for your money. The device and bag have been thoroughly tested in schools and classrooms, there is a 3 year extended warranty and more importantly the 3 year accidental breakage cover with zero excess, as we all know accidents happen.

We manage your child's Chromebook, so we can help minimise issues on the devices and disruptions to learning in the classroom. Devices are enrolled against our school domain and then they show up in our management console. This means that your child can only use a school email on the Chromebook, however all activity they are doing on the Chromebook both at home and school should be absolutely fine using their school email. From there the school is able to centrally manage settings on the devices.

We realise that purchasing a Chrome book for your child may be a challenge however the investment you make will provide them with a proven advantage for learning. It is not a compulsory requirement for children to have their own device.

If you would like to learn more about purchasing a device for your child for the 2020 school year then please feel free to contact our eLearning leader, Elizabeth Kazmierczak, by emailing elizabethk@rawhiti.school.nz. Elizabeth will be available on Monday afternoons from 2.30pm in the library to talk with parents who might be considering purchasing a device specifically for their child.

Digi Awards 2019—Grow Waitaha

As mentioned in Liz's opening message, our Year 3 team, the Otautahi Crafters, won **first place in the Open category at the Digi Awards** for their Minecraft 'Red Zone' project

The children in the Otautahi Crafters are:

Noah, Charlie, Lily, Abby, Jed, Cylis, Connor, Malachi, George, Hunter, Jazmin, Jessica, Addison, Everley, Lachie, Rocky, Elliot, Riley and Mason.

Here is a link to their project: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lz1qMmfl014>

MESSAGE FROM OUR PTA

PTA Xmas Raffle!!

This week you will be receiving raffle sheets, which are being handed out to each child in the school. There are ten \$1 tickets on each sheet and you can sell all, some or none - no pressure!



Most of the items in the food hampers will come from our Mufti Day this Friday (22nd Nov) where kids can EITHER contribute a food item for the hampers OR bring a gold coin donation.

The top 3 families/children that sell the most tickets will win a prize for their efforts, and we also have ten spot prizes for any child that sold and returned any tickets at all.

Finally, Lincoln from Tawhirimatea is supporting the PTA's Xmas Raffle by doing a 'guess the lollies in the jar' game outside Tawhirimatea this week before school on Thursday and Friday. Kids can guess the number and might win the whole jar - 50c for one guess or \$1 for three guesses. All money will go towards the food hamper prizes. Thanks Lincoln!

We thank you for your support of our final fundraiser of the year! We're hoping to get some exciting new playground equipment installed early next year - watch this space!

Here are the dates/details you need:

- Monday/Tuesday this week - raffle sheets will be handed to your child
- Friday 22 Nov - PTA Mufti Day - bring a food item for the Christmas hampers or a gold coin donation
- Thursday 12 Dec, 4pm - last day to return raffle sheets and money to the school office (you can pay via EftPos or cash)
- Friday 13 Dec - raffle will be drawn and winners contacted. Prizes can be picked up from the school office.
- Monday 16 Dec, Showcase Assembly - prizes given for children who sold the most tickets as well as ten spot prizes for ANY child that sold any raffle tickets.

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.)



'I AM HOPE' TOUR Mike King

Fire and Emergency New Zealand are proud to host the 2019 I am Hope Tour, promoting positive mental health.

We are opening up our fire station and inviting members of our community to join us at a free event to hear New Zealander of the Year Mike King and other special guests speak to help raise awareness, encourage openness and listen without judgement when others come to them seeking help. It's a simple message – any of us has the power to be the hope that someone needs when facing bullying, depression, low self-worth, anxiety or any other mental health issues.

Time: 7.00pm – 9.30pm
Date: 27th November 2019
Location: Anzac Fire Station, 137 Anzac Drive, New Brighton

Getting there: New Brighton community groups can either go directly to the above address or assemble at the old New Brighton Fire Station 80 Hawke St by 06.30pm and get on the bus/van to Anzac Station and of course we will bring you home.

I am Hope deliver youth and community focused talks promoting positive societal attitudinal change in our communities, in the way we think, feel, and speak and act about mental health.

Any queries contact Jim Byburn, Fenz Welfare Officer 021654184



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Public Health Nursing Service

Public Health Nurse Information

Hello,

My name is Sue Brown and I am the allocated **Public Health Nurse** for your school. I work within a team of Public Health Nurses. We are all Registered Nurses with knowledge and experience in child and family health.

We work with children and families where health and wellbeing concerns impact on their home and school lives.

Please contact me if you have any health concerns for your child.

My details are:

Phone 03 3836877 ext 99626 Or 0272843297

Email sue.brown@odhb.health.nz

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Seaview Lions Club of Christchurch

101 Leaver Tce
North New Brighton
Christchurch 8083



16th October 2019

What: We invite you to join us with your own stall at our Christmas Garden Market
When: Sunday 8th December 2019. Time: 9am to 2pm
Where: 101 Leaver Terrace, North New Brighton, Christchurch
Why: Because it is almost Christmas and we want to make a difference in our community

Seaview Lions are having a **Christmas Themed Lawn Market** to raise funds for our club so we can serve our local community during the festive season

- Stalls ... we will have some spare tables but you are welcome to bring your own
- Stalls are \$10 'Rent a space' from 9am to 2pm. (Space is Trestle table size)
- We will be alive with face painting, Chocolate Wheel, Raffles, & Entertainment
- This is a public event on Social Media.
'Christmas Lawn Market hosted by Seaview Lions Club of Christchurch'
- There will be a 'Tea Room' where you can purchase Hot & Cold drinks & Muffins

Venders are welcome.

Call Jan on 0273530492 to book your stall space.

We will need confirmation by 31st October.

This is on a private dwelling so we are limited to approximately 10 stalls (full tressel table size).



From Jan Ruardy
Past President of Seaview Lions Club.