



Newsletter #1 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 10 February 2020

E ara ake ana i te ūruhi
Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou

Nau mai haere mai, nau mai hoki mai ki te kura nei – welcome back to school everyone.

The children have been sharing all of their summer adventures and it is fantastic to see them refreshed and ready for another exciting year of learning and fun at Rāwhiti School. A special welcome to our new students and also our new staff member, Racheal Cooper, who is starting her teaching career in our bilingual class. I know all our teachers have enjoyed meeting up with family members of their students and are looking forward to getting to know their kaiawhina groups and our community better over the next few weeks.

Our staff spent time in Hanmer Springs at the end of holidays celebrating the fact that Rāwhiti School has been open for 5 years now! Here is a picture of teachers who have been at Rāwhiti right from the start:



FEBRUARY

- 10th Tawhirimatea Pool Party
- 11th Papatuanuku Pool Party
- 12th Tangaroa Pool Party
- 13th Tane Mahuta Pool Party
- 18th Ata Hapara Pool Party
- 27th Board of Trustees Meeting

MARCH

- 4th Walk and Wheel to School
- 25th Y8 Girls Self Defence



From The Principal continued ...

We have come a long way in the last 5 years, and there is a lot to look back on and be proud of. However, we can't always be looking backwards – that would be like driving your car with your hands on the rear-vision mirror instead of the steering wheel. So we spent our days on retreat looking at where to next for the teaching and learning at Rāwhiti School. We look forward to sharing some of that work with you throughout the term.



I have finally caught up with all of the children who had birthdays during the January holidays so I can now concentrate on the children celebrating a birthday in February. Throughout the year I try to talk with each child in the actual week of their birthday – and I really love hearing about how they spent their special day. This year I will be doing something slightly different for the Year 7 and 8 students – I will be hosting a morning tea each month to meet with those who are celebrating a birthday – something a bit more grown-up for our most senior students.

Hero (Linc Ed)

Further to our messages last week, we are in the process of changing the Student Management Data Base that we use.

We have chosen Hero because it brings all school communication together into a single app that works across multiple schools. Hero is designed to reduce the number of places that parents need to check for information about school. Parents and caregivers can log in to their Hero account (even if they have students at multiple schools) and see all their learning stories, assessments, progress data, school accounts and school notices.

It is early days for us and our first priority is to ensure that we hold the correct personal and contact information for every child in the school - hence the sheets that came home on Friday for you to complete. Many thanks to those who have already returned those to school today. **Even if nothing has changed we still need you to complete the form as sometimes not all your information transferred over to the new system.**

At the beginning of next week we will be sending all parents and caregivers information about how to set up an account in our new system.

Novel Coronavirus Update

Schools have been receiving regular communications from the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education in relation to the Coronavirus outbreak. You will have seen that the Prime Minister made an announcement last week: <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/new-zealand-restrict-travel-china-protect-against-coronavirus>.

It includes the following information concerning all foreign nationals travelling from, or transiting through mainland China:

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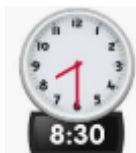
"The Government is placing temporary entry restrictions into New Zealand on all foreign nationals travelling from, or transiting through mainland China to assist with the containment of the novel coronavirus and to protect New Zealand and the Pacific Islands from the disease. This will be in place for up to 14 days. This position will be reviewed every 48 hours. Any foreign travellers who leave or transit through mainland China after 2 February 2020 (NZ time) will be refused entry to New Zealand. Any foreign travellers in transit to New Zealand on 2 February 2020 will be subject to enhanced screening on arrival but, pending clearance, will be granted entry to New Zealand. New Zealand citizens and permanent residents returning to New Zealand will still be able to enter, as will their immediate family members, but will be required to self-isolate for 14 days on arrival back in the country."

We have no reason to believe that any of our staff or students have recently travelled to China but please inform us immediately if this information is incorrect and you or a family member has been to China or had contact with someone who has, particularly from the Wuhan and Hubei province. For any staff member or student who has recently travelled to China or has been in close contact with someone who has, we will insist that the staff member or student stays at home for 14 days and we appreciate your support with this.

Concerns, Complaints, and Communication

In our experience, when parents have a concern that relates to their child at school - whether it's pastoral, curriculum or staffing in nature - it can be most quickly resolved by talking first to the most appropriate person. Your starting point will usually be the classroom teacher. In this newsletter you will find a flowchart attached outlining who the most appropriate person will be. Problems are usually remedied easily; rumours are often ill founded; policies and practice are sometimes misunderstood; errors, shortcomings and wrongs should be corrected immediately. Please do not let a little concern become a major worry - we are always happy to listen and work with you to resolve an issue.

Please remember that our teachers are also husbands, wives, parents and members of their community and they need time to undertake these roles as well. Our teachers are highly committed and they work very hard, but they also need to finish work at a reasonable time each day. If you email a staff member in the evening please do not expect an immediate response. We ask our teachers to check their emails at the end of the school day and when they arrive in the morning. They will not be checking or responding to emails after 6pm.

**School Hours**

Many of our teachers make an early start to the day as they find the uninterrupted time before school valuable for working on their planning and assessment tasks, or squeezing in additional meetings. Already we are seeing a number of children being dropped at school as early as 7am, and a steady stream of arrivals from 7.30am. If you are choosing to drop your children at school this early please be aware that we are not responsible for them at this hour and cannot provide supervision for them. From 8.30am all teachers are 'on duty' and available to children and parents in the Learning Studios.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa,

Liz Weir

Principals Awards *Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki*



Rongo Ma Tane

Nyah L, Zediah, Fletcher x2, Thea, x2, Tyler, Millie, River x3, Sanchia, Emil, Jackson, Austin.

Ata Hapara

Ihaia

Child Absence



Just a reminder that if your child is not going to be coming to school please contact the office before 9am with your child's name and reason for absence by one of the following methods:

- Call on office on 388-9519 and leave an absence message
- Text on 021 0827 1380
- "Absentee" button on our School App
- Front page of our website.

Currently if you do not contact the school, you will receive a text from us, which you can reply to. If you don't reply to the text we will call you to follow-up on the absence.

You can also contact the office if your child will be away for a long period of time and then you won't have to contact us every day of their absence.

SUCCESS@RAWHITI

Charli & Kobe along with their good friends Daniella & Luca (Queenspark students) were devastated to hear about the Australian Bushfires and wanted to do something to help. So with the full support of their families they sourced the ingredients and made up the cutest Koala Cookies and sold them outside Fresh Choice in Parklands last Saturday.

They were thrilled to raise \$250.50 for the Australian Wildlife Conservancy to support the injured animals from the bushfires. Well done team!





February 5th, 2020

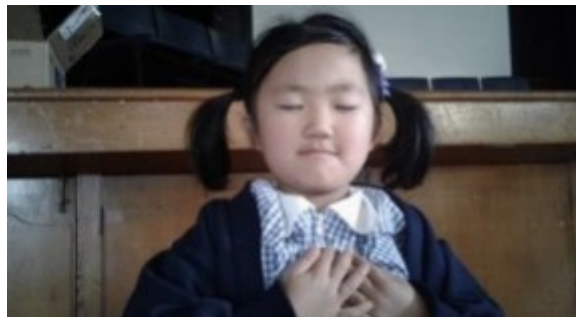
Dear Rawhiti School Parents,

The team at Mindful Mover are looking forward to building upon our mindfulness work at your school in 2020. It is exciting to see the way the tamariki are integrating mindfulness into their lives to support their wellbeing.

If you are interested in learning more about how mindfulness can support your family, please email us at info@mindfulmover.co.nz and we will add you to our mailing list for upcoming events both and Rawhiti and elsewhere in Christchurch.

If you have any questions about our [programme](http://www.mindfulmover.co.nz/curriculum-summary.html), please don't hesitate to get in touch.
(<http://www.mindfulmover.co.nz/curriculum-summary.html>)

Kindest,
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Skate Skool Workshops

Skate Skools' weekly workshops are kicking off at Rāwhiti School on Tuesday 18th February! After school from 3.15 to 4.30pm. Master the basics and progress through our Decknology programme. Beginners and experienced skaters all welcome! Boards and safety gear supplied if needed. Weekly prizes. \$15 per session. For more info and to register go to: www.skateskool.co.nz

Singing lessons

Does your child love to sing?

Tui award winning singer / songwriter Jenny Payne teaches singing at Rāwhiti School. Group lessons are \$10.

Email jennyandrob@gmail.com for more information.



Youth Alive Trust—Y5-8 After School Programme

A new decade begins and our Senior Oscar is expanding, due to requests, to also pick up students from Chisnallwood Intermediate. If you're looking for after school care, with a variety of activities, in a nurturing environment and without the little ones, then check out our Senior's Only OSCAR – just for Years 5 – 8!

At \$18 a day (or \$17 for two or more sibling), including a van pick up from one of the 5 local schools:

- South New Brighton
- Rawhiti Primary
- New Brighton Catholic
- Nova Montessori
- Chisneallwood Intermediate

For: Years 5-8
Each:
Every Weekday during
school term
From: 3pm-6pm

Go to Youth Alive website for more details.

DanceFit at Rāwhiti—Mondays at 7pm

We're excited to start Dance Fitness Classes with the wonderful Fiona Dempsey from Monday 10 February at Rawhiti School Hall (150 Leaver Terrace). DanceFit classes are a fun and energetic way to start off the week while learning a few dance moves to popular hit songs. You can take the class at your own pace and it's a friendly space with no makeup or lycra to be seen!

This year we are starting at a NEW EARLIER TIME of 7pm. Classes will run for 60 minutes.

Prices are remaining the same as last year, \$8 for a casual rate (\$4 for high school students). Or you can pre-pay for 5 classes at a discounted rate of \$35 of \$7 per class. This can be paid into the PTA's bank account 03-0814-0000317-00 using your name as the reference.

If you haven't been along before then the first session is FREE! Can't beat that!



OPEN FUN DAY

Saturday 15 February 2020

10.00 am - 2.00 pm

25 Disraeli St, Addington

Come and see what we do...

- ❖ Workshops in action on the day using our creative resources



- ❖ Sharing waste reuse ideas
- ❖ Raffle
- ❖ Sausage Sizzle

Join as a Membership on the day and get your first fill-a-bag at a discounted rate

Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hāpori

(Notices placed here are contingent on space and do not reflect the views or opinions of the school.)

New Brighton Library After School Activities for 2020, Term 1

After-school offerings

Day	Time	Program	Cost/booking
Monday	3.30-4.30pm	Monday Makers	Free, no booking
Tuesday	3.30-5pm	Afterschool STEAM Lab	\$20/term, bookings essential
Wednesday	3.30-4.30pm	Minecraft (FULL with waitlist)	\$20/term, bookings essential
Wednesday	3.30-4.30pm	Read to a dog	Free, booking essential

Read to a dog

Grow your child's confidence with reading in a relaxed setting

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(term time)
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Free,
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New
Brighton
Library

EASTERN EAGLES

RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

REGISTRATION DAY

When: February 27th & March 12th

Where: Wainoni Park 4pm - 7pm

What: Photo I.D or Passport required

Who: easterneaglesclub@gmail.com

Come down, have a fun run, chat and meet the rest of the crew!

