



Newsletter #4 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 19 March 2020

E ara ake ana i te ūruhi

Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou

Well... a lot can happen in a week! Worldwide events are having an impact on us all and will also impact on many decisions going forward. What is challenging is that a decision made today may need to change by tomorrow, as new information comes to hand or as government officials make announcements. This newsletter contains quite a lot of information so please do read on and respond.

In the meantime, we are 'business as usual' here at school and, given the extremely low rate of infection in New Zealand and the absence of any community transmission, school is a safe place to be.

We have a thorough pandemic plan here which will help us plan through this event, and we continue to receive daily updates from the Ministry of Education. Should the current situation change, then schools will be informed and we will act quickly in the interests of our children, staff and wider community. Our best way of communicating with you will be by e-mail, so please make sure that you read everything that comes into your inbox from school.



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MARCH

20th Book Club Orders Close
24th Rock Band Auditions
25th Y8 Girls Self Defense
27th Junior Assembly, 9am
27th Junior Triathlon, 1pm
27th Last Day For Using Our
Swimming Pool

APRIL

1st HPV Vaccinations (Y8 only)2nd Board of Trustees Meeting9th Last Day of Term 1

Wednesday 29th April is the first day of Term 2

(... due to ANZAC Day Mondayisation on the 27th and Teacher Only Day on the 28th.)





From The Principal continued ...

Looking After Our Little Ones

I imagine that some of our children may be feeling anxious at the moment. It must be quite scary if they are hearing conversations around pandemic, coronavirus, possible school closures, travel restrictions and self-isolation, and trying to work out what that actually means for them. I am really proud of the calm, thoughtful way in which our teaching teams have approached this with the children in our classes, and I know as parents you will all be taking the same approach at home. This <u>Youtube clip by Nanogirl</u> might be something that you would like to watch and discuss with your child.

Using Drink Bottles At School

We ask that all children bring their own named drink bottle to school each day as we are turning off the drinking fountains today to help minimise risk. Children will be able to fill up their drink bottles during the day from the kitchen sink in their Learning Studio. Many of our students still have their Sistema drinking bottle that was given to them several years ago as part of the Calming and Coping work we did with Dr Kathleen Liberty.

Learning From Home

Part of our pandemic planning involves preparing for what we would do in response to a temporary closure of the school. Rāwhiti teachers are very well placed to be able to provide on-line learning in the event that there is a temporary closure of the school, thanks to the work we have done over the past few years as part of the Manaiakalani Outreach programme.

For our planning, it will be very helpful for us to know how many of our children have access to devices and the internet at home so please take time to answer this 2 question survey. **CLICK HERE for survey.**

Assemblies and Whole School Events

As a precautionary measure, we will not be going ahead with the Whole School Assembly planned for Friday April 3rd. We have also decided to re-schedule the Learning Celebration we were planning for the end of term as it involved food preparation and sharing at a whole school breakfast. We will reschedule the Learning Celebration to a date early in Term 2.

Tomorrow we have the 'Eat Right Be Right' magic show here at Rāhwiti as part of our Term 1 inquiry focus on growing. We will be having two performances of this show, which will reduce the numbers of children in the hall.

Linc Ed Hero

Our teachers have been busy learning how to use our new on-line reporting tool called Hero. We have chosen Hero because it brings all school communication together into a single app. Hero is designed to reduce the number of places that parents need to check for information about school. However, what we are really excited about is that you will be able to see learning stories, assessments, and progress data.

We are not quite ready for you to see all that just yet but teachers have been uploading information to the new system so that when we 'go live' there will be something for you to see. Because of the time teachers are spending on this, there will be no Learning Conversations at the end of this term as there has traditionally been.

From The Principal continued ...

Getting Connected to Hero

We are now ready for parents to start creating an account in Hero, which is the first step towards being able to see your children's assessment information. On pages 6-8 of this newsletter you will find the instructions you need.

Thank You!

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone in our community for your support of our mufti day and PTA sausage sizzle to raise funds for our South New Brighton School neighbours following the devastating fire that destroyed a classroom block. Last Friday we raised \$1476 - an amazing effort, and a fabulous

example of our school value of Empathy in action. South New Brighton School have said they will put it towards outdoor seating that was lost in the fire.

Our children also wrote messages of support to the children from South New Brighton and attached them to blue and yellow lollipops and they were delivered to the school today.



Ngā mihi ki a koutou Liz Weir, Principal

Principals Awards Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki



Rongo-mā-tāne

Anton, Emilie-Vida, Brenyn, Ryder, Tobias-John, Johno, Indie H x3, Indi-Lea, Ava, Marley, Moses, NoahBarr, Ashleigh x2, Nate, Geordie, Joel x3, Koa, Marley x2, Kera, Carys x2

Papatūānuku

Joel, Jamahni, Caleb S, Will, Jaime, Amrin, Zara, Samara, Daisy, Maniya, Sophie, Jeremiah, Ben, Jack, Janto, Jahzeal, Anika, Noah L.

Tāne Mahuta

Sophie S, Sarsha, Thomas, Anika, Emily, Taylor

Tāwhirimātea

Bella, Xavier, Elvis, Mikaela, Maea, Everley, Lily, Anika, Noah B, Samuel, Connor, Benji, Noah S, Leo

Thanks for the planter boxes!



Thanks to Isla H and her Dad, Craig, for making some planter boxes to go into our school garden. These are now planted ready for harvesting later in the year.

Also thanks to Niya E's Grandad, Richard, for building some planter boxes for Papatūānuku students to use as part of their Garden to Table work.

Visual For Children On Why To Use Soap

Our public health nurse has sent through this video clip showing what happens when we use soap to wash our hands.

Play Video

SUCCESS@RAWHITI

Here are some more photos from the Weetbix Tryathlon.





Well done to everyone who entered the Duke Surf Festival Art Competition with the theme being "My Dream For

The Future Of New Brighton".

Congratulations to **Mayan** who got 3rd in the 5-6 year category and **Pax** who got 1st in the 7-8 year old category.

MORE SUCCESS@RAWHITI

We were very proud to hear that one of our teacher aides in Ata Hapara, **Shar**, sang with the Symphony Orchestra in the weekend in a collaboration between the orchestra and a kapa haka group.

Also last week some of our students completed the X-Race event at Thomson Park. Each child competes with an adult doing lots of fun "Survivor type activities" in order to complete



Rāwhiti Rock Band Auditions

Want to audition for our rock band? Come and meet Josiah in the music room on Tuesday 24th March at the following times:

- Singers 1:30pm (prepare a modern pop or rock song to sing)
- Drummers* 2:00pm
- Guitarists* 2:20pm
- Piano* and Keyboard* 2:40pm.

*Must have an established skill level on your instrument e.g. receiving current or previous lessons for at least 1yr+.

For more information contact josiah.dayo@yat.org.nz

Rāwhiti School Optional Chromebook Purchase



We had a number of students purchase a Chromebook for learning in 2020.

If you still want to place an order it can be made through Uru Mānuka and needs to be made within the next week to ensure delivery.

https://www.urumanuka.org.nz/buy-a-chromebook

If you have any questions please email: elizabeth@rawhiti.school.nz

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Does your child have access to a device at home? (as mentioned in Liz's blurb)

As part of our planning for how we might respond to a need for children to be absent from school for an extended period we have a very short (2 questions) survey that we would really appreciate if parents could take a few seconds to answer for us.

<u>Click here to complete the survey</u>

Mark Your Dairy—Teacher Only Days



You may remember that last year when the teachers were negotiating their pay claim that the Government offered 8 Teacher Only Days over three years as part of the settlement. The BOT has approved the use of three of these days this year:

- Tuesday 28th April
- Friday 29th May
- Monday 16th November.

School will be officially closed on each of these dates. All of these dates have been chosen to work around an existing public holiday so that families can choose to take advantage of an even longer weekend.

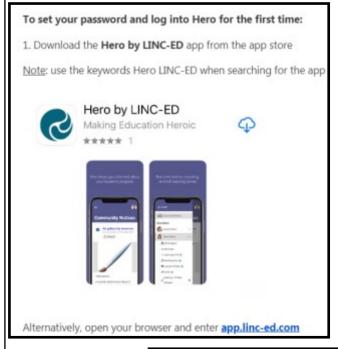
Online Numeracy and Literacy Programme

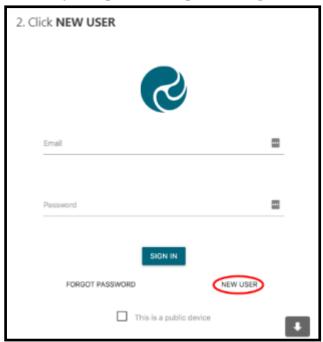
Rāwhiti School has access to Sunshine Online www.sunshineonline.co.nz

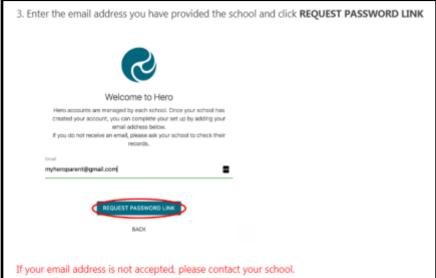


Sunshine Online is a print and online literacy and early numeracy programme. It has been designed to help children aged 4-10+ learn to read and develop the skills needed for continuing reading independence and success. The website also uses maths stories to develop skills and understandings in early numeracy. This is free for students and families to use at home, thanks to a grant from the Pye Foundation. Username: rawhiti Password: east1

Getting Connected To Hero (As Mentioned In Liz's blurb) - Steps To Set Up Hero Log-in







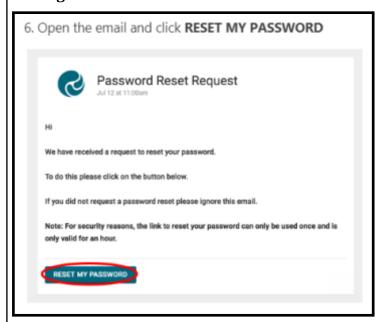


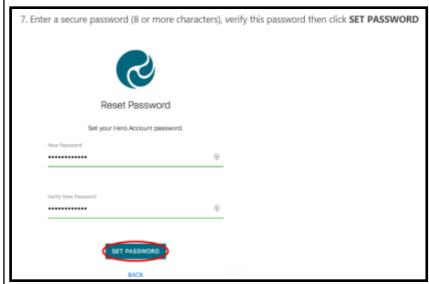
5. Open your email inbox and click on the Hero Password Reset email

Hero Password Reset Request - Password Reset Request.

If you do not receive a Hero Password Reset email, check your spam folder.

Getting Connected To Hero ... continued









Getting Connected To Hero ... continued



ONCE YOU HAVE SIGNED IN:

1. You will see Community notices sent by your child's school. If the text is long, you may need to click read more to view the whole message



PLEASE NOTE:

If you do not have access to a computer at home, or are having difficulties with the instructions, please feel free to come to the office and Kim can assist you.

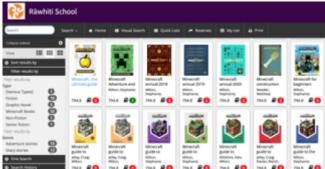
Rāwhiti School Library...

Did you know?

You can access our library catalogue (Web APP) at:

http://library.rawhiti.school.nz

By logging in your child/children can see what books they have on loan, search the library and reserve books...



If you have a child or children at Rāwhiti School and have lost your yellow piece of paper please email: suea@rawhiti.school.nz

Rāwhiti School's eBook Library (Wheelers ePlatform):

Want to keep children reading over the holidays? Why not access our ePlatform!

Children can access 1,500 eBooks on our Wheelers ePlatform. These books will display when searching for books on the Web OPAC or you can go to the direct link: https://rawhitischool.wheelers.co/



eBooks can be issued for two weeks and there is a limit of two eBooks per user. Students will need to use their library number and password to login to download eBooks.

If you have a device you can download the Wheelers ePlatform app!

Download ePlatform App - https://goo.gl/SlC6ft

Any questions please contact Elizabeth Kazmierczak email elizabeth@rawhiti.school.nz

Rāwhiti School Studio Blogs, Learning Sites & Student Blogs

At Rāwhiti School most students share their learning via their own independent blog.

You can access the links by visiting:

Te Ara Tūhara Blogs & Sites http://tiny.cc/Rawhitischool
Rāwhiti School website https://www.rawhiti.school.nz/our-learning/blogs/

Rongo mā Tāne and the junior tamariki in Ata Hāpara use SeeSaw.

Did you know you can follow your child's blog?

- Each blog has a 'Follow this blog by Email'
- Insert your email and click 'Submit'
- You will get an alert to prove you are not a 'Robot'
- Click 'Complete Subscription Request'.



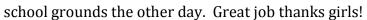
You will recevie an email that will require you to click a link to confirm your subscription. Each time your child posts on their blog you will receive an email.

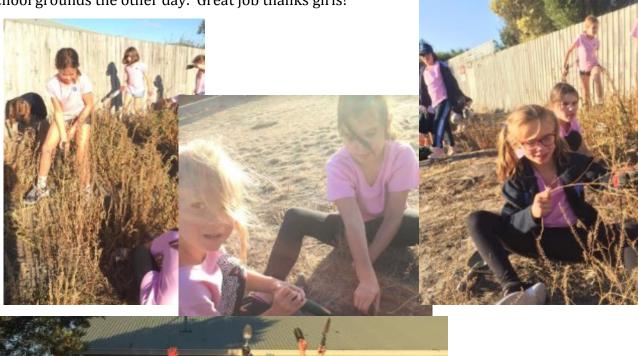
| Studio Name | Studio Blog | Student Blogs | Studio Learning Site |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Tangaroa | √ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Tāwhirimātea | √ | ✓ | √ |
| Ata Hāpara (Year 4 to 8 students) | √ | √ | √ |
| Papatūānuku | √ | Later in the year | ✓ |



Thank you to Burwood Brownies

We would like to thank Burwood Brownies who did an amazing job of doing some weeding on the







INTENSIVE INTERVENTION

SUPPORTING WHĂNAU AND FAMILIES TO KEEP TAMARIKI SAFE AND FLOURISHING AT HOME

Oranga Tamariki Christchurch East wants to work in partnership with whanau, professionals and communities to make sure more tamariki and their whanau in the New Brighton Community are safe and flourishing at home, and fewer tamariki are entering or re-entering into state care.

Intensive Intervention's initial focus will be on:

- Whänau where there are care or protection concerns for their tamariki that would benefit from intensive intervention
- Whānau whose tamariki are in care but who could safely return and remain home to their whānau with Intensive intervention

Tamariki and their whānau often tell us that they don't understand or don't have a say in what happens to the them when Oranga Tamariki is involved in the life of their whānau.

You know your community and what support is required for whanau to keep their tamariki safe and at home.

We want you to share with us:

- your insights into your and others experience with the Oranga Tamariki Christchurch East
- what you say needs to change
- what good support looks like to whanau in the New Brighton Community?

Come along and join us for a cuppa and a korero at the times below where you will be welcomed by staff from Oranga Tamariki Christchurch East, Te Waka Aroha St Faith's and What it Takes.

25 MARCH

1.00-3.00pm Grace Vineyard Church 71 Beresford Street New Brighton

RSVP by Friday, 20th March 2020 with your name and reference NEWBRIGHTON by email jennifer.bell@whatittakes.org.nz or text 021 034 6838







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Are you interested in playing hockey in 2020?

Sign up now at www.carltonredcliffs.com

New Players welcome No experience required

Get in touch with us through the website if you have any questions

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EASTERN EAGLES RUGBY LEAGUE

2020

Now recruiting under 11s (year 5 and 6)

Training every Tuesday and Thursday

5:30pm-6:30pm at Wainoni Park

Registration day 12th March @Wainoni Park 4-7pm

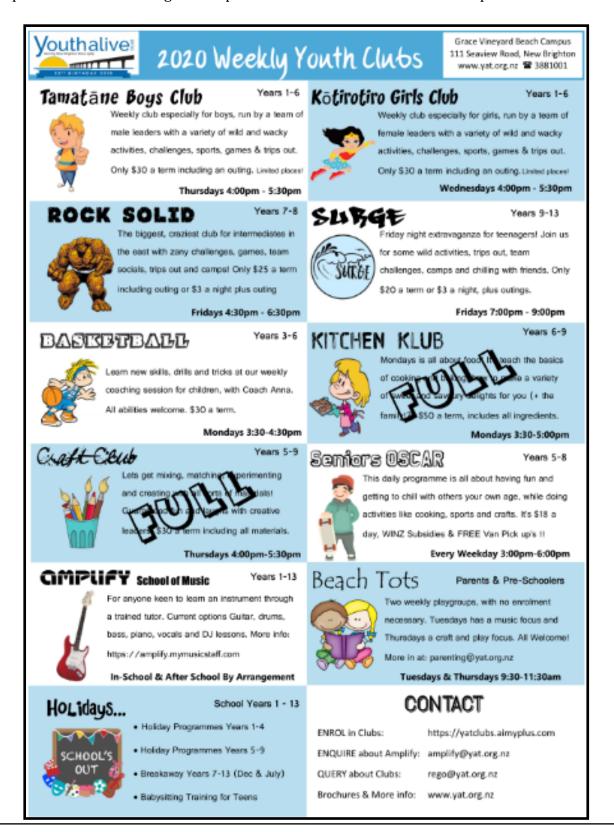
Interested? Please contact Tarah

Email: tarah lynn07@hotmail.com

Phone: 022 5022 440

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TEAMWORK, CHARACTER BUILDING, COMPETITION, ENJOYMENT

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