



Newsletter #1 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 21 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

Many thanks to all those who have returned the student contact detail sheets that we sent home at the start of the year. Our amazing office staff are working flat out to ensure our new data base contains accurate information, so if you have not already done so, please fill in the sheet and have your child return it to the office. If it is easier for you, please feel free to phone or pop into the office to update your details.

### 2020 Learning Concept

Our 2020 Learning concept is 'Growing'. Classes are already well underway with unpacking this concept through the lens of the Health and Physical Education curriculum. We are really excited to be part of the Garden to Table programme in 2020. The Garden to Table programme is changing the way children approach and think about food. The aim is to see children enthusiastically getting their hands dirty and learning how to grow, harvest, prepare and share fresh, seasonal food. Established in 2008, Garden to Table Trust is a registered charity that works with thousands of primary-school-aged children all across New Zealand, helping them discover a love for fresh food and skills that will last a lifetime. The programme is curriculum-integrated and provides real-world learning opportunities, taking learning outside the classroom.

If this sounds like something that you could provide practical support with then please contact Helen Parata who is coordinating the programme for our school on:

[helen@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:helen@rawhiti.school.nz)



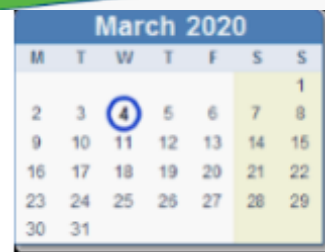
## Mark Your Calendar

### FEBRUARY

27th Board of Trustees Meeting

### MARCH

4th Walk and Wheel to School  
5th PTA Meeting & AGM, 7.30pm  
5-6 Y7/8 Camp Spencer Park  
25th Y8 Girls Self Defence



***From The Principal continued ...*****Teacher Release**

One condition in the New Zealand Primary teachers employment agreement is regular classroom release time. Our teachers take this non-contact time once a fortnight and use it for planning, collecting and analysing data and observing best practice. On top of this, our first year beginning teachers are released for a day a week and our second year teachers one day a fortnight to ensure they are mentored and supported during their first two years. Our Team Leaders are also released regularly so they can carry out their responsibilities. We are very fortunate to have a strong team of part-time teachers who create engaging programmes and develop strong relationships with our learners. Elizabeth Kazmierczak leads our fantastic release team of Caroline Briggs, Jen Evans, Nicole Johnson, Marcella Wood, and Louise Wynn.

**Ministry of Education School Donations Scheme**

The Rāwhiti School Board of Trustees has opted in to the Ministry of Education School Donation Scheme. The school will now receive additional funds as part of the operating grant. This means that this year we will not be asking for donations or fees for normal everyday school curriculum activities.

The following will be automatically covered by the Ministry of Education Donation Scheme:

- Group trips and excursions relating to curriculum delivery
- Google account management
- Family school donation
- Swimming.

We can continue to request payment contributions for optional activities such as winter sports teams, camps with an overnight component, and the take-home component of the Year 7/8 technology programme at Linwood College.

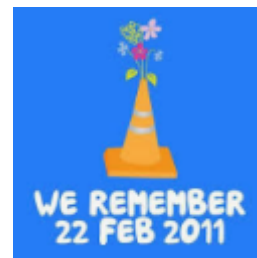
You can read more about the scheme [here](#). We have also added the relevant information about the new donations scheme to our school website under “General Information FAQs” and “Donations”.

**Anniversary**

Tomorrow we mark the anniversary of the devastating earthquake that changed our lives forever. This is an important day for us all to reflect and look at how far we have come. As a community we have been on an astonishing journey and faced many challenges together. Operating a school during so much change and major redevelopment isn't easy and I would like to say thank you for the amazing job our boards of trustees and staff have done over the past years. I would also like to express our thanks to parents, family and whānau and the wider community for the ongoing support that often goes unseen but is greatly appreciated.

Our thoughts tomorrow will be with all our Rāwhiti families who continue to live with the impact of the Canterbury earthquakes.

Ngā mihi kia a koutou  
**Liz Weir, Principal**



## Principals Awards *Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki*



### Rongo Ma Tane

Carys, Rex, Johnno, Indi, Brenyn, Joel, Layla M x2, Mackenzie, Lilia, Geordie, Amelia, Peyton, Eli, Noah B, River, Fletcher x2, Alice, Indie

### Ata Hapara

Lakyn

## Walk and Wheel to School—Wed 4th March

Rāwhiti School is once again participating in this Christchurch City Council initiative. It is aimed at being a fun day that encourages primary school children and their families to leave their cars at home that day and walk, cycle, scoot or skate to school instead. Research shows that active travel to school makes children more alert and ready to face the school day than if they had arrived in a car. Walking, cycling or scooting to school wakes up the mind and body and has proven to increase children's concentration by up to four hours. If you live too far away, you can still join in. Just park a short distance from school and walk or wheel the rest of the way.



## Pumpkin Growing Competition

How are your seeds going? As part of our learning this year around the concept of 'Growing', we are planning a 'Pumpkin Growing Competition', for autumn when the pumpkins will be ready to harvest.



## SUCCESS@RAWHITI

Cayden from Tangaroa competed in the Jiu Jitsu South Island Submission only champs on the 15<sup>th</sup> February and took out the gold medal. Competitors came from all over New Zealand to compete. He is competing this weekend in the Oceania Championship where he will compete with people from all over Oceania.



## Research Involvement

This year all our teachers will be involved in some professional development around the teaching of Mathematics: Developing Mathematical Inquiry Communities (DMIC).

Alongside this professional learning, Massey University will be conducting research into teacher practices and student outcomes in mathematics. Students will complete assessment tasks and surveys as part of their normal mathematics classroom work and assessment. If you do not wish for your child's mathematics assessment results and survey responses to be shared with the research team and used for the study described in the information sheet please let Helen know, [helen@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:helen@rawhiti.school.nz). [Click here for a link to an information sheet.](#)



## From the Tech Shed - Let's talk about TikTok...

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app available on iOS and Android. Users can create, share and view user created videos. This is similar to Facebook, Instagram, and Snapchat.



What's the appeal? Users can record and upload bit-sized looping videos of themselves lip-syncing and dancing to popular music or soundbites. Videos can be enhanced with filters, emojis and stickers. They are often made for comedic effect. TikTok has been designed with the young user in mind and as a very addictive appeal source. *NOS* [://nationalonlinesafety.com](http://nationalonlinesafety.com)

**Tik Tok** is rated 12+ on the Apple app store and "teen maturity" on Google Play. There is no system in place to verify a user's age, so anyone can download this app. There is a risk that children may be exposed to music that contains explicit language and content.

**What do Parents need to know?**  
National Online Safety (NOS) has compiled a Guide for parents with **'Safety Tips For Parents.'** Check out their Privacy tips!

Copies of this info sheet are available at the office if needed.

**TIKTOK** is a video-sharing social media app available on iOS and Android which lets users create, share, and view user created videos much in a similar manner to Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat. It's main draw, however, is that users can record and upload bite-sized looping videos of themselves lip-syncing and dancing to popular music or soundbites, often for comedic effect, which can then be further enhanced with filters, emojis and stickers. TikTok has been designed with the young user in mind and has a very addictive appeal. At the beginning of 2019 it skyrocketed in popularity to become the iOS store's most downloaded app with over 33 million downloads. Estimates suggest that it now has anything between 500 million and over 1 billion monthly active users worldwide.

**AGE RESTRICTION** 12+ (Under 18 requires a parent or legal guardian to consent)

**What parents need to know about TIKTOK**

**MATURE CONTENT**  
On the iOS store, TikTok is rated as 12+. On the Google Play Store it is rated as 'Parental guidance recommended'. When signing up for the app, it's possible to lie about your age without any form of verification. As children scroll through their feed, most of the videos they're likely to come across are light-hearted or funny takes on dance routines which are designed to make people laugh. However there has been a slew of videos which have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, self-harm and sexual content, including young teens showing overly sexually and vulgarly suggestive. Some of the abuse of material uploaded to TikTok every day. It's impossible to moderate everything and it can be quite common to come across explicit content on the app for your 12-year-old logging into the platform.

**INAPPROPRIATE MUSIC**  
TIKTOK revolves around creating music videos through lip-syncing and dancing. Notably, some of the music featured by users will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the under-18 young user base, there is a risk that children may look to imitate the explicit language they hear or the negative actions they see or the explicit language they hear or the negative actions they see or the explicit language they hear or the negative actions they see.

**TIKTOK FAME**  
TIKTOK is very image focused and there is a notable preoccupation with appearing cool and attractive. Many teenagers now attempt to go viral and become what's known as an 'influencer'. TikTok (and its predecessor Musical.ly) has spawned its own celebrities - social media stars Loren Gray and Jaidel Dioreaux have been catapulted to fame through their initial exposure on the app. Obviously most budding influencers looking to become the next big thing will be disappointed, but this may have the knock-on effect of making them go to more and more drastic lengths to get noticed.

**ONLINE PREDATORS**  
As a social network, TikTok makes it easy to connect with other users. This includes the ability to comment on and react to other users' videos, follow their profile and download their content. Be aware that by default, any user can comment on your child's video if their account is set to public. Most interactions are harmless enough but as an app, TikTok is prone to predators because of the abundance of younger users.

**ADDICTIVE NATURE**  
Social media is designed to be addictive and TikTok is no different. It can be fun and hugely entertaining. However, it is also because of this that it can be hard to get down. In addition to the short, punchy nature of the looping video format, the app's ability to keep you guessing what will come on screen next makes it easy to turn a five-minute video into a 45-minute edit.

**IN-APP PURCHASES**  
Aside from the content, there's also the option to purchase in-app extras called 'TikTok coins'. Prices range from 12.99 for 100 coins to an eye-watering 129.99 for 10,000 coins. TikTok coins are used to purchase different assets for your content creation that a user finds funny or entertaining. In the iOS version of the app you can disable the option to buy TikTok coins but this sadly doesn't seem to be a feature in the Android version.

**National Online Safety**  
#WakeUpWednesday

**Safety Tips For Parents**

**TALK ABOUT ONLINE DANGERS**  
Assessing your child's access to the app is a good way to get to grips with TikTok. You could then use the app with your child and watch some videos with them. If you are the parent of a teen, even if it does not make you paranoid, keep a close eye on what they're viewing and sharing. That said, it's a difficult choice to make in balancing responsibility with your child also. You could even consider your own performer and make videos with them while being transparently keeping them safe online.

**USE PRIVACY SETTINGS**  
Ultimately, the safest way to safeguard your child on TikTok is to make sure their account is not public. This means only those users your child approves can view, like, and follow their content. Setting the account to private is a step with your child's consent to make the media experience. It will limit their account's exposure to strangers. This setting can be enabled under the privacy and safety menu by pressing the effects in the top left of the app. To be extra safe, there are additional account controls to toggle such as who can use comments and messages, among other options.

**ENABLE RESTRICTED MODE**  
In the digital wellbeing centre there's the ability to have restricted mode using a PIN. Restricted mode filters out content that is not age appropriate. Although it should be noted that this isn't always a 100% fool-proof filter when enabling restricted mode, parents should still be vigilant to what their child is watching and take note that the algorithm recommending content is not infallible.

**EXPLORE AND LEARN YOURSELF**  
Understanding and learning the app yourself is a great way to get to grips with TikTok. You could then use the app with your child and watch some videos with them. If you are the parent of a teen, even if it does not make you paranoid, keep a close eye on what they're viewing and sharing. That said, it's a difficult choice to make in balancing responsibility with your child also. You could even consider your own performer and make videos with them while being transparently keeping them safe online.

**LEARN HOW TO REPORT AND BLOCK INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**  
With the proper privacy settings in place, TikTok can be a safe space for your child to express their views, opinions, and in some instances, their creativity. If you're a parent, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report content that isn't appropriate and get them to report to you about what they have seen. TikTok allows users to report offenders and comments within the app. You can also block individual users by going on their profile.

**MODERATE SCREEN TIME**  
As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child moderate their TikTok time by using the digital wellbeing centre. Under the screen time management app, you can set the daily allowed time allowed on the app to increments ranging from 45 to 120 minutes. You can also lock the app from being used at all. This includes preventing access to the app in order to ensure your child's daily time limit. This way your child can get their daily dose of memes without watching every day.

**Meet our expert**  
Peta Budd is a writer with over 10 years in research and analysis. Working within a specialist area for What's in the News, Peta has contributed work which has been pivotal in successfully achieving high profile cases in court as well as writing as a subject matter expert for industry handbooks.

**"NEW FOR 2020" FAMILY SAFETY MODE**  
TikTok Family Safety Mode allows parents to lock their own TikTok account to their child's. It's a great way to ensure your child's digital wellbeing by ensuring they are safe and not. This includes preventing access to the app in order to ensure your child's daily time limit. This way your child can get their daily dose of memes without watching every day.

**www.nationalonlinesafety.com** Twitter: @nationalonlinesafety Facebook: /NationalOnlineSafety Instagram: @NationalOnlineSafety

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### Our New In-School Social Worker

Kia Ora, my name is Helen and I'm the new social worker (SWiS) for Rāwhiti School. I am taking over from Jonny, who I understand was much loved by the tamariki, whanau & teaching staff at Rawhiti.

For the last 7 years I have had a variety of social work roles in Christchurch and I'm passionate about supporting individuals & whanau with their wellbeing. I am excited to be a part of your school community and look forward to meeting you all.

If you think your tamariki and whanau may benefit from some extra support, please speak with the school to see what support options would be the best fit for you.

#### Year 8 2020 School Based Vaccination Programme – Consent forms out now

Please check your kids school bag for the Year 8 School Based Vaccination consent form – these are due back to school now!

Canterbury DHB is offering School Based Vaccination Programme to Year 8 boys and girls, who have not completed their eleven year old vaccinations in General Practice.

As part of the School Based Vaccination programme, your child will be offered HPV and Boostrix vaccinations.

- HPV - offers the two dose HPV vaccinations to protect against genital warts, cervical cancer, throat and mouth cancers, and other types of cancers later in life.
- Boostrix is a one dose vaccination to provide protection against Tetanus, Diphtheria and Whooping Cough.

To enable students to receive the vaccinations at school, we need you to complete the These are currently being sent home with students in Year 8 with a return date requested.

## Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori

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# SHUTTLE TIME

NEW ZEALAND

Give your child the opportunity to play the world's fastest growing racquet sport – Badminton!  
No experience necessary as quality coaching is provided.

**First session is free with no pressure to sign up for the term – come along and give it a go.  
Suitable for children 8 years old and above**

**Register online at [www.badmintoncanterbury.com](http://www.badmintoncanterbury.com)**

For information about Shuttle Time  
email: [shuttletime@badmintoncanterbury.com](mailto:shuttletime@badmintoncanterbury.com)  
visit [www.bwfschuttletime.com](http://www.bwfschuttletime.com)

## Children's badminton Fridays

Group 1: 4.30 – 5.30pm (8 – 9 year olds)  
Group 2: 5.30 – 7pm (10 years plus)

### Badminton Hall

Group 1: \$40 per term  
Group 2: \$60 per term  
Family discounts available

220 Pages Road, Wainoni

Term 1	7 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 3 <sup>rd</sup> April (no play Good Friday)
Term 2:	1 <sup>st</sup> May – 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
Term 3:	24 <sup>th</sup> July – 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Term 4:	16 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec





## Junior Registration Days



Saturday 22nd February | 12pm - 2pm  
Sunday 1st March | 10am - 12pm

**2020 Season Subs**  
\$60 per child  
\$30 per extra child per family

All new registrations to the club will need to present a birth certificate or passport

\*\* Please note that this year all subs must be paid at the time of registration \*\*

## Baby Bulls 2020



Baby Bulls 2020 will be starting up at 9am on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May.  
Bring your 3-5 year olds down for 45 minutes of fun with Ben.  
Baby Bulls is free and all are welcome!

*Please register your interest – [Belinda@linfield.co.nz](mailto:Belinda@linfield.co.nz)*

**#BabyBullsBaby**



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### SURFKIDS

#### Childrens Surfing Programme.

Learn the skills of Surfing in a fun, safe environment. All equipment provided and professional instruction from Aaron Lock and team. For kids 8 - 14 years.

Sundays 10am to 12pm.

Cost \$35 per day or \$145 for five or \$270 for ten lessons. Bookings essential.

Venue :Sumner.

Call Aaron on 0800 80 SURF (7873) or register online at [surfcoach.co.nz](http://surfcoach.co.nz)

## GET INTO FOOTBALL



### Join Western AFC

All ages / levels welcome  
Training at Westminster Park, Mairrehau  
Juniors / Mens / Womens & Masters teams available

For further information visit our website at [www.westernafc.com](http://www.westernafc.com)  
or contact us at [westernafc@gmail.com](mailto:westernafc@gmail.com) or 027 500 5274



## NEW BRIGHTON JUNIOR RUGBY 2020

U6 - U7 RIPPA RUGBY  
U8 - U13 TACKLE

### 2020 REGISTRATION

SUNDAY	16th FEB	3:00 - 5pm
MONDAY	17th FEB	5:00 - 7pm
MONDAY	24th FEB	5:00 - 7pm
TUESDAY	25th FEB	5:00 - 7pm
THURSDAY	27th FEB	5:00 - 7pm

Upstairs at the Eastern Community Sports Hub, Rawhiti Ave, New Brighton.

New players ID is required (Birth Cert or Passport)

**SUBS-** \$70 per child, includes team photo  
\$110 per family up to three children, then \$35 each child after.

All fully paid subs will include a team photo  
Discounted socks and shorts will be available

## CMM Hosts SUPERDAD QUIZ NIGHT

CALLING ALL DADS!

Great Kai and Sweet Prizes

Best 'Dad Joke' Competition

Tickets from Eventbrite

( <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/84801482517> )

THURSDAY THE 12TH OF MARCH

6:30 TO 8:30 PM

UPSTAIRS AT THE NTH NEW BRIGHTON COMMUNITY CENTRE  
(93 MARINE PARADE, NORTH NEW BRIGHTON)

**FREE EVENT!**

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Welcome to our Village North Beach Playcentre



Our village becomes your village at Playcentre: fun and friendship for you and your children in endless experiences that last a lifetime.

**Good for your child and good for you**

We offer 3 free visits before you join

With over **420** centres throughout Aotearoa there is one near you.

Find your local centre at [www.playcentre.org.nz](http://www.playcentre.org.nz)

North Beach Playcentre  
100 Leaver Terrace  
[northbeach@playcentre.org.nz](mailto:northbeach@playcentre.org.nz)  
(03) 980 7122  
Open 9.15am to 12.15pm  
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri

"Whānau tupu ngātahi – families growing together"



**SEASIDE Toy Library**

**Open Day**  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020**  
**9.30 am – Midday**

**At St Luke's Anglican Church**  
**212 Pine Ave, South Brighton**

**Free event all welcome**

- Tea/Coffee
- Bouncy Castle
- Sausage Sizzle
- Tea / Coffee
- Face Painting

We have a huge range of indoor & outdoor toys, games and puzzles for children ages 0-8 years to hire so come down and meet the committee and other friendly families.

The toy library will still be open as usual to return and hire toys for existing members

This is a community initiative so come on down and see what it's all about  
For more information email [seasidetoylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:seasidetoylibrary@gmail.com) or go to our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/SeasideToyLibrary>

**New Brighton ROCKS**

**ART IN THE PARK 2020**

**Come and join New Brighton Rocks for this awesome FREE event!**

- Rock Painting
- Face Painting
- Treasure Hunt
- BBQ
- Entertainment
- Prizes

**Sunday the 8th of March**  
**11:00 am to 1:00 pm**  
**At Rawhiti Domain (Shaw Ave Picnic Area)**

**A fun time out for the whole family!**

For more information on this event you can go to our Facebook events page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/185756479335642/>  
You can also LIKE our FB Page: [Wellbeing New Brighton](https://www.facebook.com/Wellbeing-New-Brighton) Or contact Tim on: 0278121022



Do you have a family member, friend or private nanny who regularly looks after your child/children?

Did you know you could be receiving a childcare subsidy?! (Must have at least one child under 5)

Want to receive a fun educational activity monthly for your child, an art box full of fun art and craft materials and a first aid kit all **FREE**

Want more information? Check out our website [www.playschooleducation.co.nz](http://www.playschooleducation.co.nz) or send me an email [jo@playschooleducation.co.nz](mailto:jo@playschooleducation.co.nz)