



## Newsletter #3 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 6 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**

We are half way through the term already and I am sure we are not the only ones asking 'how did that happen?'. Our Year 7 and 8 team are currently on camp out at Spencer Park where they are kicking off our first year of involvement in the William Pike Challenge Programme.

#### **Covid-19**

We would like to assure you that the school is keeping up to date with Ministry of Health and Education Advisories, and we will keep you informed when information advisories to us change. We will do this through our website, newsletters and our APP notification system.

The message is clear that there is no reason for children to stay away from school just because New Zealand now has confirmed cases of Coronavirus. It continues to remain that the best thing to do is to practice good preventative measures, particularly good hygiene. One of the most important things we can do to keep our tamariki safe is hand washing. We have been discussing this with the children here at school but here are a couple of clips for you as a family to use as well.

<https://youtu.be/2eqhw6yZk-c>

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#### **MARCH**

- 10th Swimming Sports, Y4-8  
9am—2pm
- 18th Zone Swimming
- 20th Book Club Orders Close
- 25th Y8 Girls Self Defense
- 27th Junior Assembly, 9am
- 27th Junior Triathlon, 1pm

#### **APRIL**

- 1st HPV Vaccinations Y8 only
- 2nd Board of Trustees Meeting
- 3rd Whole School Assembly
- 9th Last Day of Term 1

#### **Wednesday 29th April is first day of Term 2**

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



## *From The Principal continued ...*

Health Department guidelines include:

- Washing hands with soap and water for 20 seconds before and after eating as well as after attending the toilet
- Covering coughs and sneezes with clean tissues or with an elbow
- Putting used tissues in the bin.

If your child is unwell in any way, please do not send them to school.

### **Teacher Only Days**

You may remember that last year when 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, April 28<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.



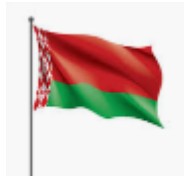
School will be officially closed on each of these dates. All of these dates have been chosen to work around an existing public holiday so that families can choose to take advantage of an even longer weekend.

The second Teacher Only Day will see teachers from all of the schools in our cluster gathering together to enhance their practice in the teaching of Reading. Our cluster is working extremely well together gathering data from our learners and using this information to inform our practice. This is a huge advantage of belonging to the Manaiakalani Outreach Programmes and we are very grateful for the support we get from being involved in this project. The Woolf Fisher Research Centre collates and analyses our data and it is from here that we are able to observe trends and work together to ensure that **Deliberate Teacher Actions** that **cause learning** are evident in our practice in all areas of the curriculum we teach.

### **Cell Phones At School**

If your child brings a cell phone to school each day, please remind them that it is to remain in their bag for the duration of the school day. Should a child need to contact their family for any reason, they are to use the phone in their Learning Studio once they have gained permission from a teacher. If a child is feeling unwell it is important that he/she follows our sick bay procedures and if he/she needs to go home, someone from the school office will notify you. This helps us to ensure we are fully aware if a child leaves the school site in the course of the day. All children leaving our site need to be signed out at the office.

### **Staff Success**



I know you will all join with me in congratulating Courtney Ruske, from the Papatuanuku teaching team, on qualifying for the World Championship Race Walking event to be held in Belarus later this year. Courtney is a fine athlete and a great role model for our children and it will be exciting for us to follow her achievements at the world champs.



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

## Principals Awards *Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki*



### Rongo Ma Tane

Noah B x2, Devin, Fletcher x2, Eli x3, Brenyn,  
Luca C, River, Indi-Lea x2, Amelia, Koa, Sakura

### Papatuanuku

Nyah, Chelsea

### Tane Mahuta

Bella-Rose, Charlotte

### Tawhirimatea

Tamaroa, Brooke, Logan, Freya, Anika, Charlie,  
Noah S, Toby, Riley S, Jakob P, Leon, Reuben

## Library Donation



We have received a very generous donation, from Alice McDonaugh, of \$5000 for purchasing library books.

Miss McDonaugh was the Infant Mistress at North New Brighton School for 20 years from the mid 50's to the mid 70's. Alice kept in touch with other past staff from North New Brighton School and continued to be interested when she left and kept up to date with our merger process.

Alice passed away at the age of 94 in 2019.

## Thank you Fresh Choice Parklands

A big thank you to FreshChoice Parklands for their very kind donation of \$250 worth of vouchers to use for stocking our studio kitchen with pantry staples to support the Garden to Table programme.



## Eco-Action satellite nursery

Rawhiti School is now a satellite nursery for Eco-Action. We have partnered with 11 other schools around our city to care for and grow native seedlings. The native plant seeds are sourced from Travis Wetlands, germinated and potted by student volunteers from Shirley Boys' High and Christs College. Our job is to care for the small plants and grow them on till they are ready to be put back into the ground. Thanks to Eco-Action we have also been gifted all the equipment we will need to ensure we can look after these seedlings.

Eco-sourcing means plants are adapted to their local environment and are more likely to grow well. These native plants provide year-round food and habitat for native birds and other fauna like insects, lizards and invertebrates. We are very much looking forward to being involved in the re-planting of these native plants when they are ready.



### Mark Your Dairy—Teacher Only Days

As mentioned in Liz's section the following days will be Teacher Only Days this year:

- Tuesday 28th April
- Friday 29th May
- Monday 16th November
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Please mark them in your calendar and make alternative arrangements for those days.

## 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 this information will be sent home this week or next week. Look out for a yellow piece of paper!

If you do lose this information you can email: [suea@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:suea@rawhiti.school.nz)

### Rāwhiti School's eBook Library (Wheelers ePlatform):

Worried about your dog chewing on your book...then try our ePlatform!

Children can access 1,500 eBooks on our Wheeler's 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 (on the yellow piece of paper).

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

Download ePlatform App - <https://goo.gl/SIC6ft>



Any questions please contact Elizabeth Kazmierczak email [elizabeth@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:elizabeth@rawhiti.school.nz)

Download the ePlatform App





## SUCCESS@RAWHITI

Congratulations to Helen, Sam and James for winning a prize with the Toyota Kiwi Guardians programme for picking up rubbish to help keep New Brighton clean.



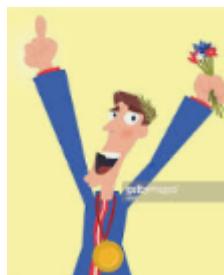
Toyota Kiwi Guardians

March 4 at 6:05 PM · 🌐

Congratulations to Helen Parata and her whānau who were the lucky winners of our Water Champion/Toa Tiaki Wai competition.

A big thanks to her whānau for doing their part to keep New Brighton beautiful – and to everyone who shared their mahi/work cleaning up New Zealand's beaches, lakes and rivers. 🌊

Look out for another Kiwi Guardians prize pack giveaway coming soon.



And congratulations goes again to Cayden Baxter who walked away with a gold medal as Oceania Champion in No-Gi and was the bronze medallist in Gi. Awesome effort Cayden.

## MORE SUCCESS@RAWHITI

Well done to all our students that took part in the Weetbix Triathlon. It was great to see you out there giving the event 100%!



## Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori

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### FREE PUBLIC EVENT

## CLIMATE CHANGE: FOOD, EDUCATION, WELLBEING

- JOHN POTTER
- (PHILIP) CHRIS REID
- FIONA VAN PETEGEM
- SIMON WATTS



Talks  
Q&A

**7 MARCH 6pm**  
**111 Seaview Rd**

### Can you help out tomorrow?

Simon Watts from BOEE (Brighton Observatory of Environment and Economics) is hosting an event on Saturday evening and is in need of the support of 4 people to help as ushers at the event (the group he had organised is not able to help). Are you able to step up and support Simon. If you can help, please contact Simon asap on 021 859 270.

### FREE EVENT

**2pm, Saturday 21 March**  
**Air Force Museum of NZ**

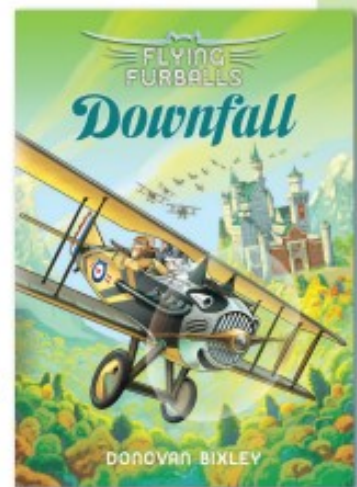
45 Harvard Ave, Wigram, Christchurch.

## FLYING FURBALLS BOOK LAUNCH

Meet award-winning author and illustrator **Donovan Bixley**, at the official launch of the latest instalment in his *Flying Furballs* series – *Downfall*!

Listen to Donovan talk about the characters and the hair-raising true stories from World War One, which feature in the books. Then, watch as he brings the stories to life through his live drawing!

Donovan will be available for book signings at the end of the session.





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**KELLY SPORTS** **HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

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STEVE@KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ  
**021 044 6283**


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Mini skate 4-8 Junior Roller Derby 8-18 Learn to Derby 4-18



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On Sunday **5th April** What Now are broadcasting live from the grounds of **Waitakiri Primary, Burwood.....and we are inviting your families to be part of the live audience!**

This is a fantastic opportunity to start off the new year with a free, fun community morning while experiencing live tv! Plus, our What Now Presenters would love to meet your families for photos and autographs after the show.

All family & friends are welcome to this community event. As space is limited, we work on a 'first in best dressed' approach... so don't miss out!

Register online at:  
<https://houseoffunge.tv/audience-signup>

We have Gunge, Foam and Fun just waiting for you!

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