

Newsletter #14 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 12 June 2020 E ara ake ana i te ūruhi Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou,

Here we are at Alert Level 1 – thanks to the hard work and sacrifice of the 'team of 5 million' that makes up New Zealand.



Throughout the Alert Levels, everyone in our

Rāwhiti Team has worked together to take every step necessary to keep children safe and connected to, and participating in, their education. As our current bell music reminds us every morning – it's good to be back. We are now busy planning for things that we have not been able to happen for a while.

We are very much looking forward to a whole school assembly on Friday July 3rd at 9.15am, followed by a shared 'soup and roll' morning tea for all who wish to join us to celebrate Matariki. Come along if you can – it will be great for everyone to catch up.

We are also very excited that Winter Sport will get underway in the second week of Term 3, and that some of the other tournaments that are usually held in Term 2 – such as the Zone Basketball and Zone Cross Country – have been rescheduled for Term 3.

It does feel as if school life is getting back to normal.

For those of you wondering exactly what is expected of schools in Level 1, please read on for the most up to date information.

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JUNE

25th Board of Trustees Meeting

26th Mufti Day—Gold Coin Donation for SPCA

JULY

- 1st Hero Live to Parents
- 3rd Whole School Assembly,
 9.15am—followed by 'soup and roll' shared morning tea
- 3rd Last Day of Term 2
- 20th First Day of Term 3





From The Principal continued ...

Alert Level 1 Requirements - as advised by the Ministries of Health and Education

- Physical distancing is not a requirement **but where possible or practicable** is encouraged when you are around people you don't know.
- There are no restrictions on personal movement so all students, children and staff are safe to go to school and **all children must now be attending school**.
- We are no longer required to keep a contact tracing register but will continue with our usual practice of having visitors to the school sign in using the Vistab system at the office. This is not a requirement for parent when they are just dropping off or picking up children, but if you are taking your children out of school early you do have to sign them out at the school office.
- All schools are encouraged to display a QR code poster for the <u>NZ COVID Tracer app</u> to support contact tracing efforts. We will have QR code posters at the gate and at the entrances to the office and Learning Studios next week and we encourage you to use these.
- There are no restrictions on numbers at gatherings or on physical activities including cultural and sporting activities, practices and events.
- There are no specific public health requirements.

There are still the "Golden Rules" for everyone in New Zealand to follow. For us here at schools that means:

- If children are sick, they should stay home (phone Healthline or their GP and get tested if they have cold or flu symptoms).
- Continue to regularly wash and dry hands, sneeze and cough into elbows.
- Soap, water and the ability to dry hands should be provided in bathrooms.
- Regularly disinfect shared surfaces.
- Support contact tracing efforts by displaying QR Code posters for the NZ COVID Tracer App
- Stringent self-isolation of those who display relevant symptoms of COVID-19, test positive for COVID-19, have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19, or have been overseas in the last 14 days <u>Ministry of Health information for self-isolation</u>.

At all levels, upon advice from the local medical officer of health, any school connected to a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 must close on an individual or group basis for 72 hours to allow contact tracing, and then potentially for a further 14 days.

Potential Concerning Behaviour

Police have advised us that they received a report that a Caucasian male in his late 30's with brown hair and driving a silver Subaru Forester (unknown registration) has been approaching children in the Wainoni area of Christchurch. Allegedly, the male has approached school girls in uniform and attempted to get them to come with him in his car "to look for a dog".

You might want to speak to your children about staying safe on the way to school and to remind them of the 'stranger danger' rules, and that when they are walking to and from school to walk in pairs or groups whenever possible.

Noho ora mai, Liz Weir, Principal

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Linc Ed Hero App Going Live

On July 1st our new student management system 'Hero' will go live to parents. What that means is that on July 1st vou will be able to see information about your child's achievement at school. We had

hoped to do this earlier in the Term, but Covid-19 rather soiled our plans! On July 1st, provided you have downloaded the app and created an account, you will be able to see your child's current achievement levels and learning goals in Maths. By the end of the year, you will also have access to reading and writing achievement levels and goals via Hero.

It is important that, if you have not already done so, you download the app and create an account (full details were in the last newsletter). You can also do this by following the link on the front page of our school web site.

Contact Kim in the office if you need help.

Before School Care

If you are needing to look at a before school care we grow AWESOME option for your children



prior to 8.30am the Parkview Skids programme have indicated that they would happily enrol Rāwhiti children into their morning programme and then deliver them to school, if there was sufficient interest from Rāwhiti parents. Please read their flyer on the next page and contact them to register your interest.

Children are able to enter our school grounds after 8.30am. This has always been the expectation and it has worked very well in Levels 3 and 2. There is no need for children to stand outside the school gates in the cold-they just need to plan their arrival from 8.30am onwards.

The school office also opens for business at 8.30am.



WANTED!

Isla, Bella and Poppy in Tangaroa are making dog tovs for their community service task for the William Pike Challenge.

They are using recycled clothing so would like any

unwanted old t-shirts or pants. You can take them to Tangaroa or to the office before the end of the term please.

They can't use sports tops because they have small holes which rip easily.



Mufti Dav

Charlotte and Lila are organising a mufti day to fundraise for the SPCA on Friday 26th June for their community service task for the William Pike Challenge.

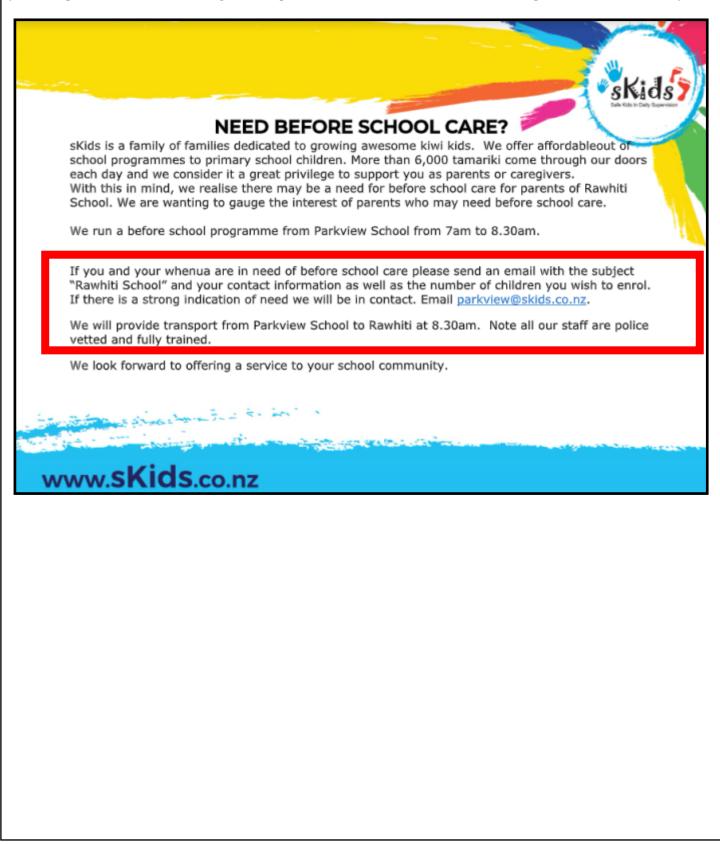
So mark your calendars for: Friday 26th June!





Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori

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