



Newsletter #13 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 5 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, With fewer meetings to attend I have had time to reflect on the unintended benefits of life in Level 2. One which really stands out to me is the increased independence

and confidence our children have been displaying.

Many of them have had a very established routine of being accompanied to the Learning Studio each day by a parent, who also organises their belongings for them before leaving.

Over the last three weeks they have had to make their farewells at the gate and then greet either myself, Paul, Helen, Kim or Lauren – as well as a line-up of other teachers who have joined us at the gate. They have made the long walk up the path, hand sanitized, put lunch boxes and drink bottles in the right places, put bags in the bag bay and made it into the Learning Studio on time – by themselves. Big steps for some of our littlest learners! Teachers have regularly remarked about how calm the start to the day has been. We have also heard lots of comments at the gate about how much more time parents have in the morning since they have been using the 'kiss and drop' approach!

I encourage you to think about how you can continue to support your child in becoming more confident in these kinds of situations. Way back in 1950 Ann Landers advised "It is not what you do for your children, but what you teach them to do for themselves, that will make them successful human beings."

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JUNE

NEAT'S NEXT?

9-11 Learning Conversations

(Video or Phone Call)

25th Board of Trustees Meeting

First Day of Term 3

JULY

20th

1st Hero Live to Parents 3rd Last Day of Term 2







From The Principal continued ...

While we are looking forward to being able to relax our current restrictions, and will do so when we receive information from the Ministries of Education and Health, we should also look to build on the positives of the current situation and continue to nurture children's new found independence and resilience.

Arriving At School

While lots of things will relax for us when we reach Alert Level 1, one thing that will remain the same is the 8.30am arrival time at school. Children will not be able to enter the grounds before this time each day. This has always been the expectation and it has worked extremely well over the last three weeks. There is no need for children to stand out on the cold, they just need to plan their arrival for 8.30am onwards. The school office will also open for business at 8.30am.

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 you 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. You can do this by following the link on the front page of our school web site, or following the instructions further on in this newsletter.

If you have the SchoolApp, you will notice on the front screen there is now a "Hero button" that can link you directly to the Hero screen for you to log in.

'Check In Chat' Opportunity

If you missed the opportunity to meet with your child's teachers face-to-face this week there is still time to make an appointment for a phone or video chat on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings next week. Booking is via our usual online system at School Interviews. Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the code UJYYP. Or CLICK HERE to go directly to School Interviews website.

Queen's Birthday Honour

I know you will all join with me in congratulating one of our Rāwhiti OUEEN'S BIRTHDAY parents, Tusiata Avia on being appointed a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to poetry and the arts. This is not the first time



that Tusiata has been honoured. In 2013 she received the Janet Frame Literary Trust Award, and her poetry collection Fale Aiutu - Spirit House, was shortlisted for the 6451 Ockham New Zealand Book Awards. Tusiata's achievements are certainly something for all our young Rāwhiti writers to aspire to.

Noho ora mai

Liz Weir, Principal

Children Attending School When They Are Unwell

Children who are unwell should not attend school and they should not return to school until they have been symptom free for at least 48 hours. This applies to infectious respiratory and gastrointestinal diseases, and vaccine preventable diseases. If their illness is not an infectious one, for example, it results from an injury or a chronic disease like diabetes, and they are well enough to attend school then they can do so.

COVID-19 like symptoms will be very common over the winter and the vast majority of children with those symptoms won't have COVID-19. So, the advice to parents whose children have symptoms of cough, fever, sore throat and/or runny nose and sneezing is for them to keep their child at home until they have been symptom free for 48 hours.

If you do see a GP or call Healthline on 0800 358 5453 and your child is swabbed then they will need to be isolated at home until they have their result. They can return to school if their result is negative and they have been symptomfree for 48 hours. In most situations, the rest of their household do not also need to selfisolate. That means that siblings of the ill child, regardless of where they go to school, can attend school while the test result for the ill child is awaited. The only exception is if the child being tested is a symptomatic close contact of a case. In that case, we ask that their household members do self-isolate while awaiting the test result.



Enrolment at Avonside Girls' High School For 2021



Any student interested in applying for a place at Avonside Girls' High School

for 2021 should visit the AGHS website www.avonside.school.nz for all enrolment information.

Enrolments for Year 9 2021 open on 8 June.

No Open Nights are being held this year at any Christchurch school; however, the school website provides information for those interested in attending the school, including images of the school, information on curriculum, school structures, virtual tour of the school, FAQs, key dates and principal address.

The prospectus and online enrolment form are available on the AGHS website from 8 June.

Any enrolment queries can be forwarded to office@avonside.school.nz

Following the enrolment process and acceptance of places offered, students and families will be invited to attend enrolment interviews over the latter part of the year.

We look forward to welcoming a new cohort of students to attend our wonderful new school on the co-located Ōrua Paeroa campus in 2021.

S E Hume Principal

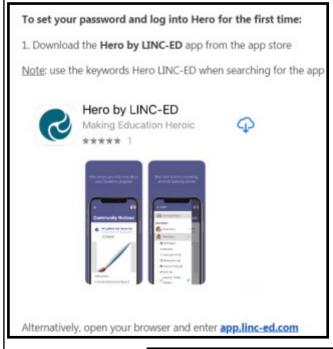
Kidsfest 2020

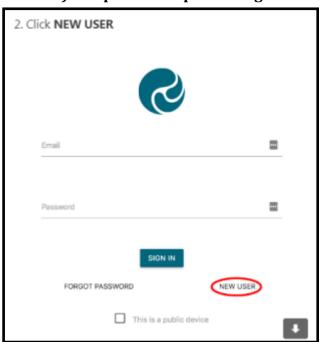


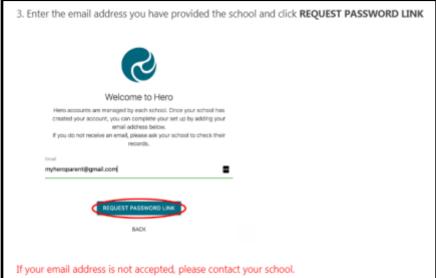
This year there will not be a booklet printed due to the

unknown status of whether some activities can happen if we are still under a lockdown level. But all activities for the July school holidays can be booked online. Go to the <u>Kidsfest Website</u> for full details.

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









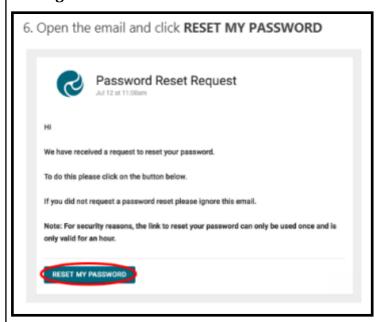
5. Open your email inbox and click on the Hero Password Reset email

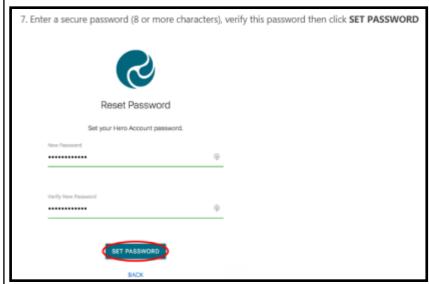
Hero Password Reset Request - Password Reset Request.

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

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Getting Connected To Hero ... continued









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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.

Community Notices - Ngā pānui a te hapori

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

