



Newsletter #14 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 24 July 2020

*E ara ake ana i te ūruhi
Rising Above The Ordinary*

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou

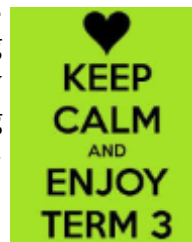
Welcome back to school. I hope you all had a lovely break with your family and managed to get away, something we were not able to do in April. On Monday we welcomed our new families with a Mihi Whakatau in the school hall. We used to do this just once a year, but we will now be having a Mihi Whakatau on the first day of every new term as it is important to welcome people at the start of their time in our learning community. Our new arrivals on Monday took our total school roll to 560.

This term the learning across the school is based on the Science curriculum and children will be looking at different aspects of our learning concept, Growing, through a science lens. This will look different in each studio, and includes concepts such as:

- Why insects, plants and bacteria are important to us.
- Growth processes and how species diversify over time.
- Life cycles, eco systems and food webs.
- How seasonal changes influence the growth and development of plants.
- The natural conditions that let animals and plants grow successfully in our local environment.

Next week our littlest learners are launching into Term 3 with trips to the EcoDepot to find out about worms. They will be building worm farms and learning about what worms do, what they need and how we can care for them. I wonder what living things Rongo-mā-tāne will be interested in learning about, and caring for, next?

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Mark Your Calendar

AUGUST

- 5th Year 7/8 to Adrenaline Forest
- 6th PTA Meeting
- 7th Scholastic Book Club Closes
- 12th Year 7/8 Adrenaline Forest
- 13th Board of Trustees meeting
- 14th Whole School Assembly
- 19th "Ready For Rāwhiti" party
- 19th Out Of Zone Ballot Closes
- 27th Maori Whānau Hui

SEPTEMBER

- 7th SCHOOL CLOSED—Teacher Only Day
- 9th SBHS Intake Testing
- 23rd School Photos
- 25th Whole School Assembly And Last Day of Term

OCTOBER

- 12th Term 4 Begins



From The Principal continued ...

We are planning a fabulous event for later in the year that will give everyone an opportunity to celebrate all they have learned this year about growing things. More details to come, but Friday, December 4th is the date to circle on your calendar!

Hero

I hope you have had a chance to take a look at your child's maths achievement and goals in our new learning app, Hero. You need to set up an account to be able to do this and there is a link on the front page of our website if you have not done this already.

This term, our teachers will be focusing on getting all of our writing achievement information into Hero for you, and you will also be able to see how your child is getting on with the Measurement concepts being taught in maths across the school for the first half of this term. We will let you know when there is new content to check out.

Healthy Active Learning Initiative

We are welcoming a team from Massey University to Rāwhiti School next week. They will be looking at healthy eating and physical activity to see how a government initiative called Healthy Active Learning is helping children to be active and eat healthy food.

The team from Massey University will be at our school for two weeks conducting surveys about physical activity, motivation and engagement with learning with a selection of students. Students may also be asked to wear a watch-type device to get an idea of how active our children are and how much they sleep. Our students could also be asked to take part in a focus group to talk about being active.

Parents and whanau can take part too, the team want to get parent's perspectives on physical activity and healthy eating at school.

We will be sending out the consent forms soon, or you can collect them from the team early next week. Those who take part go in the draw to win a \$100 supermarket voucher.

Teachers as Learners

As part of our involvement in the Manaiakalani Outreach Programme our teachers also have the opportunity to improve their own digital fluency and use of Google tools in the classroom and work towards becoming a Level 1 Google Certified Educator. Last term seven more of our staff gained this qualification. Congratulations to Paul, Helen P, Elizabeth, Nogo, Nicole, Kylie, and Rachel B.



This term I am joining 6 other members of staff and taking part in the Digital Fluency Intensive, therefore I will not be available at school on Fridays. Paul and Helen will be here to help you if you need support with anything.

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From The Principal continued ...**Parking Outside The School Gate**

The Christchurch City Council has advised that they will be designating 2 spaces outside our school as accessible parking for mobility card holders accessing the school, particularly during school pick up / drop off times. This is great news, and something we have been wanting for quite some time. We will let you know when the change has been made.



All of the parking restrictions outside of the school – **yellow lines, bus stop and 5 minute parking limits** – are designated by the Christchurch City Council, not the school, and therefore you can incur a parking infringement notice for ignoring the requirements.

Arriving Early

Children can come onto our school grounds and straight into the Learning Studios from 8.30am each morning. If children arrive before 8.30am they have to wait outside the school gates – which is never very nice if it is particularly frosty, or raining. Please do not leave your child standing outside the gates – time your arrival for 8.30am onwards.

Noho ora mai

Liz Weir, Principal


Principals Awards
Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki
**Rongo-mā-tāne**

Hunter A-B, Jack, Isabelle, Joel, Noah B, Cefeira-Rose, Leo, Mattis, Vinnie, Maddie B, Azalea-Rose, Lillian, Indi-Lea

2021 School Dates

For those who like to plan ahead, the dates for the 2021 school year are as follows:

Term 1: Feb 2 – April 16

Term 2: May 3 – July 9

Term 3: July 26 – Oct 1

Term 4: Oct 18 – Dec 15



The Teacher Only Day dates for 2021 are yet to be determined.

Teacher Only Days In Terms 3 and 4

As you will be aware, the Teacher Only Day that we had planned for May 29th was cancelled due to the Covid restrictions.

This has now been re-scheduled for Monday, 7th September.

There is no change to the Term 4 Teacher Only Day on Monday 16th November.

School will be closed on both of these days.

PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting is being held Thursday 6th August at 7.30pm in the staffroom.

Come along and help plan a fun bingo night!





Linc Ed Hero is now Live

Our new student management system 'Hero' is now 'live' to parents. What that means is that you can now see information about your child's achievement in maths and posts made by the teachers about the first half of the school year. 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.

Kiwi Competitions



For the children who have signed up to these competitions last term, the testing will take place over the next two weeks during school time. Results will be available to the students by the end of the term.

Extension Activity - International Competitions for Schools (ICAS)



We are offering students in Years 3-8, who have either been nominated by their studio teacher/s or who have put their name forward, the opportunity to enter the following competitions that are run by the University of New South Wales.

The ICAS Assessments are all completed as online tests, designed to recognise and reward academic excellence. The ICAS Assessments series is designed to assess your students' ability to apply classroom learning in new contexts, using higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills. The students will sit the online assessment here at school later this term.

Studio teachers have more information and a form to return if your child is interested in these competitions.

Bus Stop Outside School



A friendly reminder to not park in the bus stop parks. These are reserved for buses and the after-school programme pickups. We try to put the cones out but we can't always make it out there at the end of the day.

Also do not double/triple park on the road or over driveways at the cul-de-sac end of the street.

The road patrol operates each afternoon at the designated safe crossing outside the main gate. The raised red speed hump is NOT a crossing and cars are not obliged to stop there for children to cross.

Please help to keep all of our students safe.

Out Of Zone Enrolments

The Out Of Zone Enrolment ballot for children wanting to start in Term 4 is closing on Wednesday 19th August.

If you live out of zone you must get the ballot form back into the office before then.

The final ballot date for children wanting to start in Term 1 2021 closes on the 23rd of September.



Blog Posts of the Week!

Term 3 - 2020

Last term we had 'Blog Post of the Day' or 'Blog Comment of the Day.'

For Term 3 we'll be having '**Blog Posts of the Week!**' This will be a collection of blogs for the week and will be shared with students each Monday morning. We'll also be on the lookout for blog comments!

Blog Posts of the Week so far - <https://bit.ly/3fMACjR>

Chromebook Bundle

Due to arrive in early September and are priced at \$520.

You can pre-order to secure a device for your son/daughter. Payment is not required until they arrive in New Zealand.

In these unsettled times the Te Ara Tūhura Trust are unsure of future deliveries.

Here is the site to pre-order:

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

Parent Information:

[Link to Handout for Parents](#) - Google Doc



Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori

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**The Familial Trust welcomes Mike King back to Christchurch**

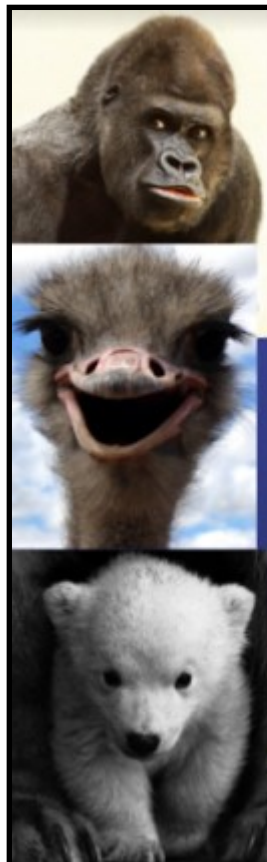
Mike King will be holding a **free public talk** about “Normalising The Inner Critic” (that little voice inside our heads that’s constantly second guessing us”).

When: Monday 3rd August, 7pm

Where: Cashmere High School, The McCombs Performing Arts Centre, 172 Rose Street, Somerfield

All ages welcome.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register if you want to attend or are interested in attending, or call 981-1093.

**Free Family Movie Night**

Saturday 25th July 2020

180 Queenspark Drive

Bring your own Dinner from
5.45pm

Movie starts at 6.30pm

Snacks and Drinks for sale

Looking forward to seeing you.



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What Now—Filming At Waitakiri School

What Now will be filming live from Waitakiri School on Sunday 16th August.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register if you want to attend.



Canterbury softball are pleased to be offering coaching in schools again in Terms 3, 4 2020 and Term 1 of 2021.

This is a progressive programme that runs for 5 sessions starting with throwing and catching and moving through things such as batting, base running, using gloves and of course playing Softball.

We work with Years 3 and up but can alter the programme for younger kids also. We work into your schools timetable so there is no disruption to your normal scheduled classes.

Following your sessions we have a great resource for teachers that has heaps of games that make Softball skills fun. Every school that participates will receive one of these resources for free.

If you would like to book in for some coaching or have any questions regarding the programme please do not hesitate to contact me. Get in quick as we have limited spaces.

Regards,

Anthea Stringer
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Free Bike Fixing Sessions

Aranui Bike Fixup is starting at 153 Breezes Road from 6th August, opening every Thursday afternoon from 3pm—6pm.

They aim to offer free bike repair and lessons on how to fix your bikes every Thursday, and restore bikes that can be passed on for free (or for a small donation) to people who need them. The first bike give-away is on Saturday 22nd August 1-4pm and they should have 25-30 kids bikes of varying size in good working order to give away.

More volunteers to help restore bikes, and donations of unused bikes, parts, helmets and tools are very welcome. Contact Steven Muir on 0210619296 for further details.

