



Newsletter #20 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 21 August 2020

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

## From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou

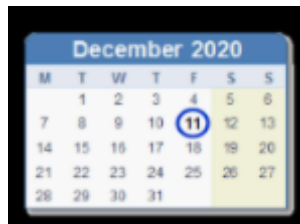
We have had a smooth transition back into Covid-Alert Level 2 and we very much appreciate all of the work that parents have done to prepare their children. It has been a seamless process for the majority of children. A special congratulations to our tamariki who are once again showing great resilience and independence coming to school.

Sadly, the Year 5-6 camp has become a Covid-19 victim. However, staff will work hard to ensure that these children have a fun outdoor education experience before the end of the school year.

Speaking of fun..... I mentioned in an earlier newsletter that we were planning a bit of an event later in the year to celebrate our learning theme of Growing. I can now let you in on the exciting news!

With the Canterbury A&P Show being cancelled this year due to the Covid pandemic we have decided to fill the gap here at school and we are currently planning our very own Rāwhiti A&P Show! The date for this is going to be Friday 11th December (not

December 4<sup>th</sup> as previously indicated). There will be plenty of competitions and activities for families to get involved in – all linked in some way to the concept of growing.



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**Mark Your  
Calendar**

### AUGUST

28th Mufti Day—Daffodil Day

### SEPTEMBER

1st Year 6 Info Evening, 5pm or 7pm  
3rd PTA Meeting  
7th SCHOOL CLOSED—Teacher Only Day  
9th SBHS Intake Testing  
9th Canterbury Winter Tournament  
11th Scholastic Book Club Closes  
14-18 Maori Language Week  
15th Dancing With The Stars, 6pm  
15-17 Koru Games  
22nd Year 7/8 Skiing  
23rd School Photos  
24th BOT Meeting  
25th Whole School Assembly And Last Day of Term 3

### OCTOBER

12th First Day of Term 4



***From The Principal continued ...***

All of your usual A&P show favourites are bound to be there – plant and produce displays, floral arrangements, baking competitions, craft categories (yes, there will be Sand Saucers!), and – of course – entertainment! What a great way to end the year **and** show off our community gardening and growing skills.



Mark the date – December 11<sup>th</sup>. Information will be out soon as to how your whole family can get involved in the fun.

**HERO**

We have assisted a handful of families who were unable to log in to HERO which is our student management, school reporting, and communication system. It has now been up and running since the end of last term. Have you tried to log in? If not, please click, <https://hero.linc-ed.com/parents/>, and follow the instructions.

If your email address has changed within the last month then please advise the office as your username/email for Hero must match the email address we have for you in our school records.

If you need any additional help, feel free to email Kim on [admin@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:admin@rawhiti.school.nz) and she will assist you.

We have heard that some parents have not been receiving information or communication about certain events and the main reason for this is because they have not tried to log into Hero. Another reason could be that the email from Hero is going into a Spam folder or the Hero App notification setting is not turned on when using a phone.

We highly recommend installing the Hero app on your phone and making sure your notifications are switched on. This is how you will receive news, updates, and information regarding events, trips and activities throughout the year for your child.

**Personal Digital Devices**

The Board of Trustees has updated its policy on student use of personal digital devices at school. A personal digital device is any privately owned digital device that is not part of a school-approved bring your own Chromebook programme. This includes cellphones, smartwatches, tablets, laptops, handheld PCs and consoles, portable music players, e-readers, and other similar devices.

Rāwhiti School does not recommend that students bring personal digital devices to school. These are not necessary to have during the day. However, we understand that some parents like their children to have a device to communicate with them after school.

We discuss the school rules about personal digital devices at the beginning of the year, and throughout the year as needed.

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***From The Principal continued ...***

If a student does bring a personal digital device to school, the following guidelines apply:

- The school does not accept responsibility for lost, damaged, or stolen personal digital devices.
- The device should be kept turned off and out of sight.
- Devices may not be used at break times.
- Personal digital devices are not to be used for a learning activities.

Students may take certain digital devices on EOTC activities, but should check whether their device is allowed before the activity commences. These guidelines and other relevant school policies apply. If a parent needs to contact their child urgently during the day, they should call the office.

**Inappropriate use**

If a student is observed using a personal digital device inappropriately, the student must hand it to a staff member immediately when asked. If possible, students should lock their device before handing it to staff. The device will be kept in the office and can be collected by the student at the end of the day.

Inappropriate use of a personal digital device may include:

- using the device when not permitted.
- any sort of bullying, including cyberbullying, e.g. disrespectful messages about staff or other students.
- taking photos or videos of other people without their permission.
- forwarding inappropriate messages or content.

Thank you for your support.

Noho ora mai

**Liz Weir**  
**Principal**



***Principals Awards***  
***Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki***

**Papatuanuku**  
**Quinn**

**Friday 28th August—Mufti Day**

A reminder that on Friday 28th August it is Daffodil day and Sophie, Olive, Clara and Charlotte have organised a mufti day to raise money for the Cancer Society.



Children can wear yellow if possible and bring a gold coin donation. At lunch break they can come to the library and colour in a daffodil.



### Information for parents of Year 6 Students

On Tuesday September 1<sup>st</sup> we will be holding an open evening for parents of our Year 6 students to experience the key features of our Year 7 & 8 programme. We believe that being a Full Primary School (Year 0-8) makes Rāwhiti School the ideal option because we offer a complete package for children between preschool and high school.

Being a Full Primary School means that we offer:

- A caring family environment that enhances personal development.
- Supportive staff who know your children well and care about their progress.
- Quality teaching and learning across the curriculum to prepare your children for the future.
- Leadership opportunities for children at Year 7 and 8.
- A Year 7 and 8 programme designed to meet the academic and social needs of the emerging adolescent.

Parents of Year 6 students will receive an invitation to attend.



### Need Your Bike Fixed?

Aranui Bike Fixup has now started operating every Thursday from 3-6pm doing free bike repairs. Anyone can bring their bike along and they will fix it if they can and show you how to do bike repair if you wish. 2nd hand parts available to replace things that are broken.

153 Breezes Road (Breezes Road Baptist church) corner of Wainoni Rd or [CLICK HERE](#) to go to the Facebook page. Contact Steven Muir on 0210619296 for further details.

### 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.



### Teacher Only Days Terms 3 and 4

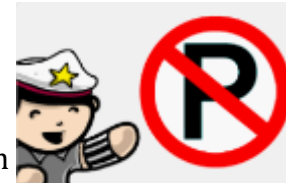
As you will be aware, the Teacher Only Day that we had planned for May 29<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due to the Covid restrictions.

This has now been re-scheduled for Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

School will be closed on both of these days.

### Parking Outside The School Gate



While the parking design on Leaver Terrace is not necessarily perfect, 99% of the time it is not the engineering that is the issue but road users behaviour and lack of patience and consideration for others that is the issue.

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. If you see parking that endangers our children then please feel free to report it to the City Council.

## Bike Giveaway—Sat 22nd August

On Saturday 22nd August 1-4pm the Aranui Bike Fix-Up Programme are giving away over 50 kids bikes ranging from 12" to 24" wheel size.

Come along and get one - some are brand new. Feel free to bring the bike your child has grown out of and swap for a bigger one. A few volunteers will be on hand to help repair bikes too. If you wanted to bring some food to share for afternoon tea, that would be great too. We can work inside if it's raining. Big thanks to Breezes Road Baptist for hosting this.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



## Chromebooks Available For Purchase

NLG has managed to secure **370 ACER C733** Chromebooks specifically for Manaiakalani Schools throughout New Zealand.

These will arrive in NZ in early September and are priced at \$520.

Caregivers can pre-order to secure a device. Payment is not required until they arrive in New Zealand. Some whānau may like the opportunity to order now for 2021.

Here is the site to pre-order:

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

Click below for an Information Handout or collect one from the office

[Link to Handout for Parents](#)



## Your School Account



Your child's school account is now available to view on Hero and has also been emailed to you if you have an amount owing.

**If you have logged in to Hero, click on the 3 lines (menu) top left of the screen, then touch "Finance" and your statement will be there.**

The Rawhiti School Board of Trustees has opted in to the MOE School Donation Scheme this year which means we will receive additional funds as part of the operating grant in 2020. We will not be asking for donations or fees for normal everyday school curriculum activities because the following will be automatically covered by the Ministry of Education Donation Scheme:

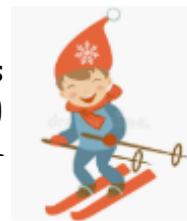
- Group trips and excursions relating to curriculum delivery
- Google account management
- Family school donation
- Swimming.

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

Items that are required to be paid in full because they are extra curricular activities include Kiwi Competition, ICAS, Adrenaline Forest, Basketball, Skiing and skiing extras, Touch Rugby, Koru Games, Children's University, Uniforms and Dancing with the Stars.

If your child has any of these activities on their school account we appreciate your prompt payment.

Senior skiing and the skiing extras (helmets, goggles, pants, jackets) must be paid in full before **Fri 11 Sep.**







## Rawhiti School Lunches

Sushi every Tuesday  
Order cut off time 8:30am Tuesday

SUBWAY EVERY THURSDAY  
Order cut off time 9am Thursday

During August we will monitor Subway lunches  
if the lunch orders do not increase Subway will either  
reduce to fortnightly or stop altogether as the store  
cannot financially sustain delivering at present levels

Yummy Healthy & Delicious lunches  
Jump online and order now



Phone 0800 LOL LOL (0800 565 565)  
info@lunchonline.co.nz

## Rawhiti School Lunch deliveries

Subway & Sushi lunches  
delivered to your School

It's simple; all you need to do is register at  
[www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)  
and follow 4 easy steps to get started

- 1 Register an account
- 2 Add member/s including your child's name,  
school and classroom
- 3 Make a payment so you have funds in your  
account before you order
- 4 Select your lunch and place an order

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CONTACT  
**STEVE POTTER**

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


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## 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.)



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**DOORS OF HOPE**  
PARENT SEMINAR

**UNDERSTANDING  
YOUR CHILD'S  
AGGRESSION**

SANDY HITCHENS

THURSDAY AUGUST 17TH @ 6.30PM  
BROUGHT TO YOU BY SHIZOKU MARTIAL ARTS



**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 AT 6:30 PM – 8 PM**

**Thursday 17th September, 6.30pm**

[CLICK HERE for more details](https://www.facebook.com/events/602662493723546/) or go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/602662493723546/>





**NEXT BLOOD DRIVE**



**New Brighton**  
Grace Vineyard Church  
111 Seaview Road



**Tuesday 25 August**  
1:00pm – 6:00pm

Please book your appointment to be a Lifesaver.  
Remember to eat & drink plenty before donating & bring your donor card or photo ID.  
Eligibility criteria applies.


**0800 448 325**  
[www.nzblood.co.nz](http://www.nzblood.co.nz)

To donate, contact us today to book your appointment.  
Download our app now:  



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### NEED BEFORE SCHOOL CARE?

sKids is a family of families dedicated to growing awesome kiwi kids. We offer affordable out of school programmes to primary school children. More than 6,000 tamariki come through our doors each day and we consider it a great privilege to support you as parents or caregivers.

With this in mind, we realise there may be a need for before school care for parents of Rawhiti School. We are wanting to gauge the interest of parents who may need before school care.

We run a before school programme from Parkview School from 7am to 8.30am.

If you and your whenua are in need of before school care please send an email with the subject "Rawhiti School" and your contact information as well as the number of children you wish to enrol. If there is a strong indication of need we will be in contact. Email [parkview@skids.co.nz](mailto:parkview@skids.co.nz).

We will provide transport from Parkview School to Rawhiti at 8.30am. Note all our staff are police vetted and fully trained.

We look forward to offering a service to your school community.

[www.sKids.co.nz](http://www.sKids.co.nz)



### Audition Call

## Tangled

Sunday 13th September  
Between 1:00pm - 4:30pm

Avon Loop Community Centre 28 Hurley Street

You will be required to sing the chorus or a verse from a song from Tangled, without music.

You will be asked to read a few lines of a script, which will be provided at the audition.

Please Call or Text Fay on 021 043 1108 to book your 10 minute Audition time.

After the auditions come to a close and rolls have been assigned by the audition panel, and you will be informed the following Monday (14th September)



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10th/11th (Thu/Friday 10.30am - 3pm)  
12th (Saturday 10.30am - 5pm)  
13th (Sunday **International day** 10.30am - 5pm)  
17th/18th (Thu/Friday 10.30am - 3pm)  
19th/20th (Sat/Sunday 10.30am - 5pm)  
21st/22nd (Mon/Tues 10.30am - 3pm)

Entry Fee: Gold Coin Donation

More info:  
<https://www.facebook.com/www.christchurchsanta.parade.nz>

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