



Newsletter #18 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 7 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, It has been a busy two weeks for our tamariki and their kaiako. There are currently lots of children going out of the school on trips to various locations, all linked to our school-wide learning theme of Growing. Our cluster winter sports tournament for Years 5-8 also kicked off last week, making for a full on Friday afternoon. Then last night we had dinner with members of our Pasifika community to celebrate Cook Island Language Week.

I reflect that we can only do these things because our country was super vigilant about Covid-19 and because members of the community sacrificed a lot so that we can now be in Alert Level 1. As we are constantly being reminded, we need to stay vigilant so please:

- Use the Contract Tracing App when you come onto school grounds.
- Keep up the handwashing hygiene practices – we are.
- Keep sick children at home – remember the 48 hour rule.
- Get tested if you/your children have any symptoms of Covid.

Of course, there are many other things that pose a threat to children's health and safety – one of them being traffic. This week I received a call from a very distressed motorist who was driving down Bowhill Road after school when a Rāwhiti child ran out onto the road through backed up traffic and straight in front of her car – requiring her to take immediate evasive action to avoid running him over. Needless to say, the motorist was badly shaken. Could you please remind your children about the importance of crossing roads carefully and safely. This lad was literally a few metres away from a pedestrian crossing but ran through the traffic instead – and the results could have been disastrous.

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**Mark Your
Calendar**

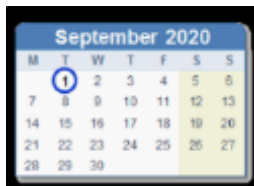
AUGUST

- 12th Year 7/8 Adrenaline Forest
- 12th Canterbury Cross Country
- 13th BOT meeting
- 14th Whole School Assembly
- 17-19 Year 6 Camp, Woodend
- 19-21 Year 5 & Ata Hapara Camp
- 19th "Ready For Rāwhiti" party
- 19th Out Of Zone Ballot Closes
- 20th Zones Winter Sport Tournament
- 27th Maori Whānau Hui
- 28th Mufti Day—Daffodil Day

SEPTEMBER

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



From The Principal continued ...**Information For Parents of Year 6 Students**

On Tuesday September 1st 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 (Years 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.

Spam Comments on Student Blogs

Currently, we are noticing a random increase in spam on some of our learners blogs. An increase in spam on a student's blog may be due to learners clicking on links that they do not know, or spambots sending unsolicited spam out randomly. Often the spam is advertising and is intended to get you to click through to another website



When we find this spam, the teacher will mark it as spam on the blog. This lets Google know it is spam and they deal with it. Occasionally however, spam comments may slip through.

If you notice any spam on your child's blog, please let their teacher know, so they can manage it quickly. If your child has unsolicited spam coming onto their blog regularly, we will take further steps to reduce it. To help with the management of this spam please remind your child not to click on any links within a message that they are uncertain of.

Having a blog which is managed by the teacher and school allows us a teaching opportunity where we can empower your children to make smart choices when interacting with others online and know what to do when things go wrong.

Noho ora mai
Liz Weir
Principal



Principals Awards *Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki*



Papatuanuku
Quinn

Tane Mahuta
Ruby, Anika, Sitia, Azryel, Sefi, Kathryn

Tawhirimatea
Xavier, Duke, Everley, Maea

Tangaroa
Shyla

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 29th was cancelled due to the Covid restrictions.

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

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

School will be closed on both of these days.



Parking Outside The School Gate

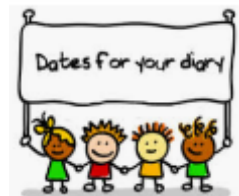
While the parking design on Leaver Terrace is not necessarily perfect, 99% of the time it is not the engineering that is the issue but road users behaviour and lack of patience and consideration for others that is the issue.

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.

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.

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 and now your school account. 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.





Who Is This Mysterious Bird?

Over the term, this penguin sculpture will be transformed ready to be placed on the Pop Up Penguin, Wild in Art sculpture trail.

There will be 50 large penguin sculptures and 65 smaller penguins on display throughout Christchurch city and surrounding areas from November-January. (You may remember the giraffes a few years back) We are planning on revealing our completed penguin and explanation at the Whole School Assembly on the last day of term.

Daffodil Day—Friday 28th August

Kia ora parents & guardians,



This year Rawhiti school is proud to be supporting the Cancer Society's 30th Daffodil Day on the 28 August. The Cancer Society provides free support and information, funds life-saving cancer research and advocates health promotion initiatives to reduce the risk of cancer for future generations. Cancer Society relies on the support from schools like ours to continue to provide free accommodation, nursing and psychology services for patients and their families.

For Daffodil day we are having a mufti day (wear yellow if possible) for a gold coin donation and at lunch break you can come to the library and color in a daffodil.

Your fundraising support is an important part of Daffodil Day and your help gives hope to many. Ngā mihi,
Sophie, Olive, Clara and Charlotte

Massey University Research



A massive thank you to everyone who completed whanau questions, signed and returned children's consent forms and participated in Massey University's research of Healthy Active Learning at Rawhiti School. There were a lot of forms, and we are grateful that many of you consented to your child being part of the research.

We hope to share some of the research findings and data about our school with you as soon as the report comes out.

Manaiakalani Whanau Questionnaire



As part of our involvement with Manaiakalani and Woolf Fisher Research we are keen to hear from you about your child's reading at school. You can complete the short questionnaire here [Whānau questionnaire](#):

This information is used alongside staff and learner questionnaires to see a picture of reading at Rawhiti, and also how it looks across our wider school cluster. This information will help form the next steps for our staff development.

Winter Sports



On our website under General Information and Sports there is a link to the [EASTERN SPORTS PAGE](#) which show all the details of our Friday winter sports.

If you have an "Alert Subscription" on our SchoolApps for "Sports" and "Sports Notices", you will automatically get sent the draw and grounds information each Friday morning.

Your School Accounts

Your child's school account is now available to view on Hero - if you haven't already downloaded the Hero app please do so. If you are having trouble viewing, please contact Kim in the office.



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 Ministry of Education School Donation Scheme this year.

The school will now receive additional funds as part of the operating grant in 2020. This means that we will not be asking for donations or fees for normal everyday school curriculum activities.

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 teams, camps with an overnight component, 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 are:

Kiwi Competition, ICAS, Adrenaline Forest, Basketball, Skiing, Touch Rugby, Koru Games, Children's University, School Uniforms, Dancing with the Stars.

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



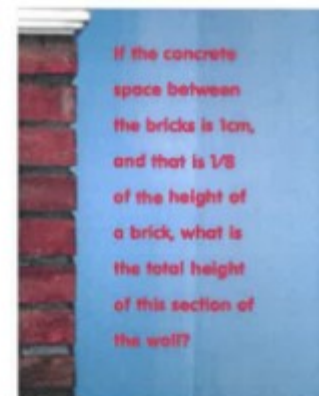
**Please check
your school
account on the
Hero app!**



Maths Week: 10-14 August 2020

During Maths Week there will be lots of activities to take part in.

- **Maths Trail** - you can pick up a maths trail from the office and complete it with your family. Once it is complete you can drop it into the office where it will be put into a draw for one of ten prizes. The winners will be announced and presented with their prize at the whole school assembly at the end of the term.
- **Lunchtime activities** including Kahoot! and Yahtzee challenges.
- **Guess the snakes** in the jar competition - go to **Tawhirimatea** before school to guess - 20c per guess or 6 for \$1.



Here is a booklet full of ideas to help your child at home.


Access this by following this link or use this QR code.


<https://tinyurl.com/yxgzrb26>



Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori

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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





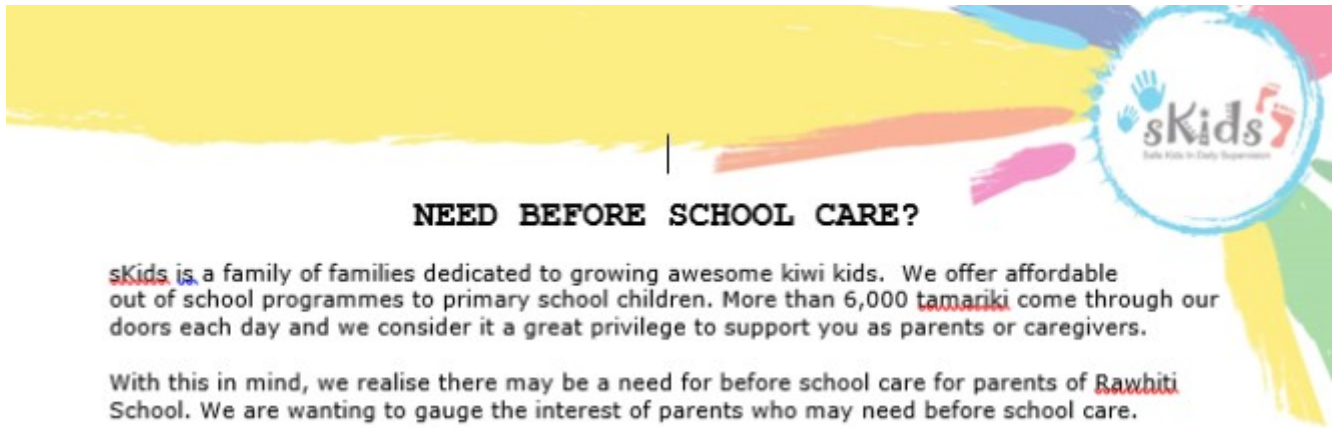


THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 AT 6:30 PM – 8 PM

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

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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 Rāwhiti 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 "Rāwhiti 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.

We will provide transport from Parkview School to Rāwhiti 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

SKIDS have started
doing before school
care for Rāwhiti
School students and
they drop them off
here after 8.30am , so
if you're looking for
before school care,
contact SKIDS at
Parkview now.