



Newsletter #22 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 18 September 2020

E ara ake ana i te ūruhi
Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou

Like you, we are all looking forward to a potential return to Level 1 next week. If we are indeed back in Level 1 next week, then there will be a whole school assembly on Friday morning – our first for the term!

The latest Covid-19 casualty was the Dancing Like the Stars performance at the Isaac Theatre Royal. Our children love this annual opportunity – a chance to perform in this magnificent theatre in front of a large audience of family and friends. All was not entirely lost—while the children took to the stage in an empty theatre, their performance was live streamed and I know lots of you tuned in to watch and, like me, were blown away by both their confidence and their dancing skills. A huge thank you to Kathy and Fleur for their work with this team.

We are currently going ahead with the planning for our Year 4 marae visit and overnight stay in Term 4, but this will only go ahead if we are in Level 1. There will be no overnight trips in Alert-level 2.

Term 3 Reporting in Hero

By the end of this term we will have published, via the Hero app, at least 2 examples of children's maths work this term and an up-to-date sample of their writing. These posts will come with a short explanation as to what the piece of learning is showing, and will also reference your child's particular learning goals.

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Mark Your Calendar

SEPTEMBER

22nd Year 7/8 Skiing
22nd Mufti Day—School Reward
23rd School Photos
24th BOT Meeting
25th Whole School Assembly (if at Level 1), and Last Day of Term 3

OCTOBER

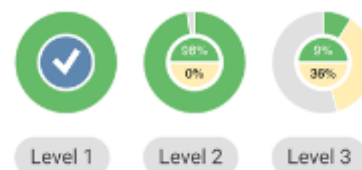
12th First Day of Term 4



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The graphs are currently not visible as there is work being done on the algorithm that determines a child's curriculum level. However, you can now see dials for both maths and writing.

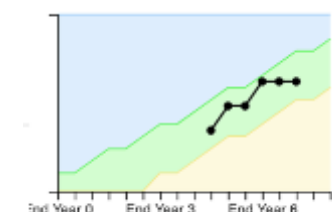
The dials show you how your child is travelling through each of the curriculum levels. In this photo, you can see from the green colouring that this child has completed all of the Level 1 writing goals, 98% of the Level 2 goals, and 9% of the Level 3 goals.

Writing/Tuhituhi Goals

The beige colour indicates the goals that the child is currently working towards achieving.

If you would like to see exactly which goals have been achieved you can click on the box when you are in Hero.

Graphs can be deceiving, and need to be looked at in conjunction with the goals. A graph with a straight line does not necessarily mean that a child is not making any progress through their maths or writing goals. While the graph on the left shows that the child has been in the same curriculum level for a while, what it does not tell you is how many maths goals the child has actually achieved. At Level 3 there are actually 57 separate maths goals. A child has to master 19 new goals before their graph will move up to the next level.



SEE ALL GOALS AS A MATRIX

What is important in this graph example is that the child's trajectory is in the green shaded band, which means that the child is working within an appropriate curriculum level for their year level.

We will continue to post tips that we think will help in interpreting our new reporting system – but please don't hesitate to ask if something does not seem clear to you.

Year 6 Students

All parents of students in Year 6 are asked to kindly complete [THIS FORM](#) indicating where your child will be attending school in 2021. We would very much appreciate having this information by the end of the current school term, Friday September 25th. If we have not heard from you by then, you can expect a phone call from Kim.

Thank you to those who have already completed the form – it is very helpful for us to have this information to assist with our planning.

Door Knocking Student

We have been made aware that someone wearing a Rāwhiti School 'Senior' jacket has been knocking on doors in the area and asking for money to support a sick child. We are fairly confident that this is not actually one of our students.

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From The Principal continued ...

While our senior students are often involved in community service projects, none of these require them to be door knocking or requesting money. Please let us know if you have this experience, and if you are able to take a photo of the young person, even better.

With only one week left until the school holidays, this is the last newsletter for Term 3. We hope you all enjoy the upcoming break with your children.

Noho ora mai

Liz Weir, Principal



Principals Awards

Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki

**Rongo-Ma-Tane**

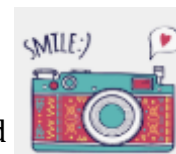
Macie, Luca C x2, Ashleigh x3, Marshal x4, Hunter A-B, Henry, Carter x2, Cefeira-Rose, Joseph, Beau, Marley, Freida x2, Nixon, Gabby, Ryder, Maddie H, Mahalia, Nate C x2, Maddie B x2, Geordie, Ava x3, Joel, Vinnie, Brenyn x2, Charlie W, Travis, Tilda x2, Anton, Indie H, Cayden, Rex, Moses x2, Indie-Lea x2, Jackson, Nate F, Mackson, Willow, River, Joel, Mattis, Noah B, Jesse H.

Papatuanuku

Laylah, Lilia, Noah, Charlotte, Maeve, Julian, Josiah, JT, Sanchia, Jaime, Harper, Anika

Tāne Mahuta

Jack Vincent

School Family Photo

A reminder that if you would like a family shot of siblings at school photos next Wednesday please complete [THIS FORM](#) or contact Kim in the office.

**School Reward Next Week**

The token box is full and the children have voted for a "Free Mufti Day". This will be happening next Tuesday 22nd September. As this is a reward there is no donation required.

WANTED: Rāwhiti School Tokens

Please have a look around home and if there are "collections" or "stashes" of reward tokens at home, please send them back to school urgently. We are running very low at school so we think they may have been taken home.

**Pop Up Penguins**

Our penguin is starting to take shape ... we hope to be able to reveal the completed artwork at the whole school assembly next week. He will be out on the Wild In Art, Pop Up Penguin trail over the summer around the city alongside 50 larger penguins painted by local artists and 60 other school entries. We will let you know where you can see him once the trail map has been released.

Cultural Festival



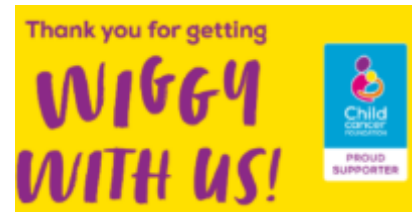
Our kapahaka group are preparing for this annual event, which is scheduled to go ahead once we move into Alert Level 1. Rawhiti School is performing in the Wednesday 28th October matinee show at Horncastle Arena.

Ticket sales for this event have been delayed, but are anticipated to go on sale via Ticketek on Monday 5th October. In light of the current situation, we suggest that whānau wait till closer to the time to purchase tickets or door sales at each show. Tickets will be \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. They are not available through school this year.



Kiwi Competition results

The University of Canterbury are currently processing these results and they will be available by the end of this term for students who sat these compe-



What a great assortment of wigs and coloured hair we saw this week on Wig Wednesday. We had \$598 donated for Child Cancer. Thank you so much everyone. Look for photos later in the newsletter.

Arriving Early



Children can come onto our school grounds and straight into the Learning Studios from 8.30am each morning. If children arrive before 8.30 am 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.

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 16th

Term 2: May 3 – July 9

Term 3: July 26 – Oct 1st

Term 4: Oct 18th – Dec 15th



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

School Holiday Activities



There will be a separate newsletter sent out just with the Community events and school holiday programmes that are on offer.

Hats for Term 4

Just a reminder that our Rāwhiti hats are compulsory in Term 4.

If you need to buy one, you can get it from the office for \$12.50, or you can order them online at

https://rawhitiuniform.bigimpact.co.nz/shop/?product_cat=headwear



ICAS Results

Congratulations to those students who took part in the International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) exams. These are challenging competitions designed to recognise academic excellence. For each of the exams, students are asked to demonstrate a deeper, integrated, and thorough level of learning. The results are as follows:

English

- Leon - Distinction
- Lexie S - Merit
- Heath - Credit
- Brooke Wi - Credit
- Toby - Merit
- Freya - Merit
- Brooke Wo - Merit
- Bluebell - Credit
- Olive - Credit
- Travis - High Distinction

Digital Technology

- Noah S - Merit
- Ruby LB - Credit

Science

- Angus M - Merit
- Everley - Merit
- Noah S - Credit
- Leon - High Distinction

Maths

- Travis - High Distinction
- Leon - Distinction
- Teri - Merit
- Elliot - Credit
- Angus - Credit
- Lexie S - Distinction
- Brooke Wo - Merit
- Riley B - Merit
- Thomas - Credit
- Charlotte J - Distinction
- Elvis - Credit
- Samuel - Merit
- Brooke Wi - Credit
- Caitlyn M - Credit



Two of our students have been awarded the highest award—a High Distinction. This is awarded to the top 1% of all participants. Well done to Travis (English and Maths) and Leon (Science).

Bake Sale Thank You

You may remember our bake sale from term 2 when we were raising money for homeless care packages.

We would just like to thank Fresh Choice Parklands for their very kind donation of \$100 for supplies and to Shields Pharmacy for donating us some paper bags to put the stuff into, and to everyone who brought our baking from the sale. We are almost finished putting them together! Lily, Ava, Meg



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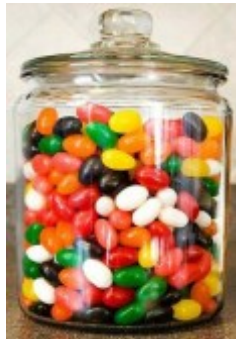


Jelly Bean Competition

As part of our community service for the William Pike challenge, we will be holding a jelly bean jar count competition to raise money for Riding for the Disabled. This will be held early next term.

We would like to give a special thanks to New Brighton Paper Plus, who kindly donated a \$50 gift card, which the lucky winner will get, along with the whole jar of jelly beans!

Skye and Sophie.



Voting is available at
Rāwhiti School
on the **10th** and the **17th**
of October.

Everyone is encouraged to vote early.

There are other Voting Places are open every-day from the 3rd Oct through till the 17th.

www.vote.nz



If you are unable to get to a
voting place please call

0800 36 76 56