

Newsletter #21 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 4 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

Spring is here – and so is Teacher Only Day! This is the last reminder that school will be closed this coming Monday 7th September. Teachers will be involved in professional development in the teaching of maths, and also continuing to develop their understanding of using the Hero app to report on student learning and achievement.

As our roll grows throughout the year there is need for us to add to our teaching staff – especially in the junior learning studios. This week we welcomed Jude Seeto to the team in Rongo-matane. Jude is a regular part time and relieving teacher here at Rāwhiti and a great friend to our school.

#### **Kids Can Support**

We are very grateful to the Kids Can charity for sending us a cancelled order of good-quality winter jackets for girls. This was a generous gift to the school. As a full range of sizes is not available, we are doing our best to put girls into a jacket that is the best fit for them. It is a condition of the donation that the jackets cannot be sold on to any third party. If you do not think your daughter will wear the jacket she brings home please 'pay it forward' and donate the jacket to someone who will benefit from its warmth.



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# SEPTEMBER

- 7th SCHOOL CLOSED—Teacher Only Day
- 11th Scholastic Book Club Closes
- 11&12SBHS Intake Testing
- 14-18 Maori Language Week
- 15th Dancing With The Stars, 6pm
- 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 ...

#### **Year 6 Parents**

Thank you to the parents who came along to one of the sessions on Tuesday to hear more about our Year 7 & 8 programme. If you missed this and have some questions you want answered then please get in touch with our Year 7/8 team leader, Nogo Sipeli. nogos@rawhiti.school.nz

Next week all parents of students in Year 6 will receive a link to a form asking for an indication as to where your child will be attending school in 2021. While it may seem like it's a long way off, we are already planning for 2021 and we need to know how many teachers will be required at the senior level of the school.

#### **Eco Action Nursery Project**

I received a lovely letter this week from the Head of Parks at the Christchurch City Council, commending the work being done here at school by a group of students under the guidance of Andrew Redmond and Nigel Stewart.

" I would like to take the opportunity to thank both your School, relevant staff and wonderful students on the commitment they have shown to building a more resilient Christchurch by participating in the EcoAction Nursery Project. Both Councillor Sara Templeton, the Chair of The Council's Sustainability and Community Resilience Committee, and I have had the opportunity to see the students in action showing genuine commitment to meeting the challenge associated to climate change and a passion for building strong and resilient communities.

Council values the work and efforts of all community led initiatives, however the EcoAction Trust initiative stands out as a shining light for us as it introduces young minds to the critically important task of sustainable land management and respect for the environment and the future.

We so appreciate the commitment made by your students, particularly those that are juggling busy lives and the teachers who support them, to grow native trees to plant. We hope that many of these students may wish to pursue careers in the developing environmental management fields as meaningful career opportunities increasing all the time as awareness of climate change increases worldwide."

This project sits well with our learning concept of Growing, and it is always a bonus for our children to be involved in learning opportunities that directly benefit the local community.

#### **Rāwhiti School App**

Now that we are using the Hero Community Notices function, we will be ceasing the use of the original Rāwhiti School App when our subscription to this service expires at the end of the month. Please ensure you have signed up to Hero (using the email address you use for your school communication) so that you do not miss out on any notices, announcements, or student reporting information.



Noho ora mai Liz Weir, Principal

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



Geordie x2, Indi-Lea x4, Ava x2, Alex x2, Nixon x4, Carter, Beau, Envy, Sam x2, Koa, Gabby, Dylan, Ted, Joseph, Eli, Peyton, Te Ao Marama, Travis, Mackson, Mahalia, Marshal, Macie, Anton, Mattis, Hunter AB, Freida

**Papatuanuku** Marcus, James D, Abby

**Rongo-Ma-Tane** 

**Tane Mahuta** Iack V

#### **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.

#### School Photos—Family Shots

Photos are happening on Wednesday 23rd of September. Next week look out for a form that will be coming home asking if you would like a family photo.

#### 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



#### Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Daffodil



Day mufti day last week. We raised over \$600 for the Cancer Society.



#### **Drink Bottles**

A reminder please that while we are under Alert Level 2, that all children should bring

their own drink bottle with water because the water fountains will remain turned off until we are back at Alert Level 1.



#### **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.

#### **Shirley Boys High School** Testing

Due to being in Level 2 SBHS have had to revise how they SHIRLEY BOYS conduct their intake testing.



HIGH SCHOOL

Instead of offering one day of testing they have opted to have it over two days:

- Friday 11 September 1pm-3pm, and
- Saturday 12 September 9.30am-11.30am.

SBHS have asked the parents/caregivers to indicate to them which day their son will be attending.

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SUCCESS Angitu "We Achieve"



EMPATHY Manaakitanga "We Care"

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- Covering age groups from 6 to 12
- Spaces are limited!
- Held @ Clare Park Burwood
- Website <u>www.eastsidefootballacademy.com</u>
- If interested please contact Darren
- <u>dkclements@xtra.co.nz</u> or 027 272 3172

### Fancy trying a new sport or learning a new skill?

Why not 'have a go' this term with Eastern Sports and our local sport clubs!

# Each week a new sport focus

# All welcome year 1-8

Starting Tues 8 Sept, then every Thurs, Mon & Tues for Term 3, 3.10pm—4.10pm, and Week 1 of Term 4 Rāwhiti School Hall

### \$4 per session

For more information please visit http://www.easterncommunity.co.nz/programme/have-a-go/

> Eastern Community Sport and Recreation Incorporated

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# **GIRLS CRICKET – ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING SPORTS**

Parents – consider your daughter playing cricket this season in an **all girls** grade this summer. Saint Albans Cricket Club has <u>all girls</u> teams in the following grades:

Girls Year 2/3/4 : Mini Introduction cricket

Girls Year 5/6 : played Saturday morning 9-11am

Girls Year 7/8 : played Saturday morning 9-1130am.



It's QUICK –games last between 1-2.5 hours

It's **FUN** – the girls play in an all girls grade and everyone gets a chance to bat and bowl every game It's **CHEAP** – no expensive gear needed – the club supplies it all including shirts and caps.

COVID – If you have lost your job due to Covid – we are offering some free places in cases of genuine hardship or half priced subs.

Our season starts in October and we are now taking registrations for junior girls in years 2-8.

Why saints ? We are the only club in the South Island with 2 NZ White Ferns, we have top Canterbury and NZ level women coaches, and we are 100% focused on growing the number of **girls** playing cricket for fun or competitively.

For more information see : www.stalbanscricket.co.nz or www.sporty.co.nz/girlscricket

#### If interested call/text/email

- 1. Barry : 027 535 6245 or barryvb@stalbanscricket.co.nz
- Matthew : 027 696 1010 or <u>matthewd@stalbanscricket.co.nz</u>