



Newsletter #23 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 20 November 2020

E ara ake ana i te ūruhi
Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou,

Our swimming pool opened this week – an indication that summer is just around the corner! We are one of the few primary schools in Christchurch that still operates its own pool and the resource is extremely precious to us. It causes us great distress to hear about children and young people climbing into the pool enclosure in the weekend and evenings. Often these are older teenagers, but on occasions, some of our own students decide they would like a 'free' swim. The gates are locked and the fences are high for a reason – safety.

We very much appreciate our neighbours and friends of the school who keep an eye on the pool at nights and weekends and contact the police or Community Watch when they see young people trespassing.

Rāwhiti A&P Show – Only 3 Weeks to Go!

Many children have already submitted entries for the A&P Show. We encourage you to chat with your child about what they have entered. While many of the entries will be worked on in class time over the next few weeks, there are also the whanau challenges for you to all get involved in.

So far, only 14 families have entered and I am certain that we can do better than that!! You can check out everything that your child can enter on our special A&P Show website, accessible from the front page of our school website, or you can click [here](#) for the link to the Whanau Challenge Page.

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**Mark Your
Calendar**

NOVEMBER

- 24&25 Y5/6 Camp Experience Day
- 25th Children's University Graduation
- 25th Scholastic Book Club Closes
- 27th PTA Mufti Day—Christmas Raffle Donation

DECEMBER

- 2nd Canterbury Athletics
- 4th Y7/8 Jellie Park
- 7-10 Library Closed For Stock-take
- 10th Board of Trustees Meeting
- 11th Rāwhiti A&P Show Day
- 11th Raffle Money Due Back
- 14th Showcase Assembly, 1pm
- 14th Y8 Leavers Dinner, 6pm
- 15th Leavers Assembly, 6pm
- 16th TERM 4 ENDS, 12pm

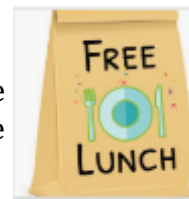
FEBRUARY 2021

- 2nd Goal Setting Day
- 3rd First Day of Classes



From The Principal continued ...**Ka Ora, Ka Ako - Healthy School Lunches Programme**

The Government is currently introducing a free, healthy, daily school lunch in some schools for all students. We are really excited to let you know that our school will be joining the free lunch programme from Term 1, 2021.



We know that some of you will have been particularly affected by the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Offering a lunch for all our children will go some way to helping families and whānau to support their children and tamariki. This is why we have decided to take part in this programme. The lunches will be available for all our students. While we know there are hungry children in every community, we do not always know who they are. Providing a lunch to every child means we do not need to single-out those who need it more than others. However, lunches are not compulsory, and you can continue to provide your child's own lunch if you wish.

Lunches will cater for the diet, health and cultural needs of our students, and we will work with suppliers and the Ministry of Education to make sure they are healthy and nutritious. All suppliers will be required to meet New Zealand food safety standards.

Right now, we are working with the Ministry of Education on the best way to meet our school's needs. So far, we have opted to join a group of schools and will soon know who our supplier will be once the Ministry's open tender processes have been completed

You can find out more about the programme at: www.education.govt.nz/free-and-healthy-school-lunches, and we will update you with details between now and the end of the year.

Noho ora mai,

Liz Weir
Principal

Out of Zone Siblings

If you are Out Of Zone, have a child turning 5 in Term 1 of 2021 and they have a sibling at school it's important you read this.

If you have not yet completed an application form please fill one in and return to the office asap. While we are currently able to accept enrolments from Out of Zone siblings this may not always be the case, and it is essential that we know how many children fit into this category. Please contact Kim in the office if you require any further info.

Arriving Early

Children can come onto our school grounds and straight into the Learning Studios from 8.30am each morning. As the weather is starting to warm up we are noticing that children are being dropped at the school gate earlier and earlier.

Please be aware that your child is not our responsibility until 8.30am, and we appreciate you keeping them in your care until that time.



Principals Awards *Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki*



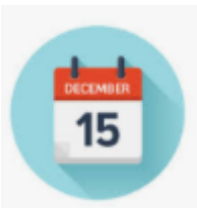
Rongo-Ma-Tane

Azalea-Rose, Nixon, Ava, Mahalia, Anton, Mattis, Rex, Willow x8, Carter, Indi-Lea x2, Mackson, Beau x2, Marshal, Moses x2, Jesse H, Geordie, Carter, Abby, Macie, Hunter, Joseph x3, Cayden, Tobias-John, Sam, River x2, Mattis x2, Moses x3, Nixon, Freida, Marshal

Planning for 2021

If you know that your plans for 2021 do not involve Rāwhiti School please take the time to let us know as soon as possible as this impacts on our planning.

Final Assembly



Final Assembly this year will be on Tuesday 15th December, at 6.00pm This special assembly is a whole school event at which we recognise a range of achievements, celebrate our year, and farewell our Year 8 students. It's a chance for everyone at Rāwhiti School to acknowledge our senior students and wrap up the year in a collaborative way.

All children are expected to be part of this event so the assembly is scheduled for the early evening to allow families to attend. The usual running time is 1 hour.

Scholastic Book Club Final Orders

The last date to pay for Scholastic Book Club orders is going to be **Wednesday 25th November**.

No orders will be taken after this as they will not arrive before school finishes.

Parent Helpers for 2021 Camps and Overnight Stays

Our BOT policy is that all parent helpers who stay overnight on school camps be police vetted as part of the Health and Safety requirements. There can often be a delay in this processing. Therefore, we ask that any parents considering volunteering to help with Year 4-8 camps in 2021 complete the police vetting paperwork before the end of this school year.

You can contact the school office and talk to Cheryl to find out more about the process. If you have already been through the vetting process for school the results are valid for 3 years, and Cheryl will be able to tell you when yours expires.

Payment Reminders

Just a reminder that payments are required for **Y7/8 Jellie Park** (\$9 swim only, \$16 swim and hydroslide), touch and basketball as these are extra non-curriculum activities. Also if you have uniform on your account please try and pay these asap.

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

If you are struggling to access your account on Hero, please get in contact with Cheryl by calling the school or email her at exec@rawhiti.school.nz





Thinking of buying a Chromebook for your child for 2021

Children who have a personally owned Chromebook will have the advantage of being able to learn anytime and in any place, including at home. We are now able to offer parents the opportunity to purchase a Chromebook for their child to use at school in 2021.

The bundle will include the Acer C733 and carry bag, 32 GB Local Storage, 3 Year Warranty and 3 Years Insurance - 2 Repair Claims or 1 Replacement. The device comes set up ready to use at school at no additional cost. The cost per device will be \$520 (including GST).

If you order before **Friday 28 November 2020** the Chromebook will be delivered before the end of the school year. Orders after this date will be held until school opens in 2021.

[CLICK HERE](#) to get all information about purchasing a Chromebook.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the 3 different payment options.

[CLICK HERE](#) for a one page info sheet.

If you have any questions please contact: Elizabeth Kazmierczak, by emailing: elizabethk@rawhiti.school.nz

Thanks Mainland Football!

Thanks to Mainland Football for their very kind donation of some new futsal goals which the children have been enjoying during their breaks.



Author Bruce Potter Visits

Author and illustrator Bruce Potter shared his love of doodling, some art tips and read some of his published books to students this week.

Bruce currently writes, illustrates and designs his own books, composes, records and performs his own songs which go with some of his books as CD's. He also illustrates for some of New Zealand's best authors including Joy Cowley, Margaret Mahy, Tessa Duder, Craig Smith and Witi Ihimaera. Bruce is also a fine artist who exhibits at the Wanaka Fine Art Gallery and in the USA.



Thank You Scorpio Books



Scorpio Books recently held a "Support your local school" on Bookshop Day. Customers who purchased a book could nominate a school and 10% of sale went to the school. As a result of that we received a book voucher that we can use to purchase books for our library.

Information Overload About to Happen



We are aware that many parents are struggling with accessing Hero and the knock-on effect is that they are not getting any notifications, newsletters or updates.

With so much going on between now and the end of the year, we have decided to post newsletters on Hero, send them out on the SchoolApp, put on our Facebook page, and also email until school finishes to ensure that parents are receiving information.

So apologies in advance if you get the same information through a few different channels.

School Sores & HeadLice

Please be aware that we have a few children with school sores and headlice, both spread very quickly in a school environment.

If you think your child might have school sores, please see a Dr or get treatment from a chemist. They can return to school once treatment has started and if the sores are completely covered.

If you need headlice shampoo, we have some in the office thanks to KiwiCan.



Grow Waitaha DigiAwards 2020

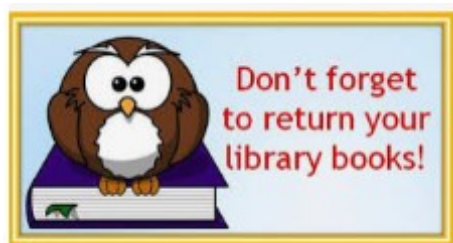
The Grow Waitaha DigiAwards 2020 awards evening was hosted at St Margaret's College last Wednesday. This competition is open to students from Year 1 to 8 in Canterbury and entries can be in English or Te Reo.

This year we had a group of students from Papatūānuku work with Elizabeth to develop coding activities for other students and to support teachers. Part of this group went on to design and develop a ScratchJR coding task and with support turned this into a ScratchJR Coding Card. ***Their entry was placed 1st in the Year 3 & 4 Category.***

To see more photos visit - <https://bit.ly/3kJhVZk>



Last Day For Library Books To Come Back To School—Next Friday 27th November



SUCCESS@RAWHITI

Check out the [LINK](#) to see a success story from one of our students and his whanau.

Family holidays in Canterbury: Missing France? Use pedal power to get to Akaroa

**Summertime Reading Challenge –****Kōrero pukapuka ā te wā o raumati 2020/2021**

Christchurch City Libraries - Kids and Teens - ages 0 to 18 - tell us about your summer reads in three words and be in to win!

Summertime Reading Challenge is on from Tuesday 1 December 2020 to Sunday 28 February 2021.

For paper entries [click here](#). Entries also available in each learning studio. Entries can be returned to any Christchurch City Library or to the school office.

To support the Summer Reading programme the school library will be open to students/whānau to issue books for the holidays on:

Friday 11th December – 3 to 4 pm.

Monday 14th December – 3 to 4 pm.



library.rawhiti.school.nz

or come to the office for a paper copy

Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hāpori

(Notices placed here are contingent on space and do not reflect the views or opinions of the school.)

Free Family Movie Night Saturday 28th November

Bring your own dinner from
5:45pm

Movie starts at 6:30pm

Come along and enjoy a Family
Friendly Movie. Snacks and cold
drinks available for purchase.

180 Queenspark Drive



Elements Nature based play

Elements provides a truly authentic outdoor experience for children. Active movement, creative play & fun! This summer we have a variety of programmes in Canterbury. Learn new skills such as using pocket knives, rope & possibly fire. Also time to explore, climb trees, group games in open spaces. Or challenge your construction skills with Elements resources. Crafting opportunities too. Check out our facebook pg or website to see what we do. All programmes are 9am-3pm, 5-13yrs or 10-14yr olds, \$60 incl. afternoon snack. Summer themes:

Schools Out - Shipwrecked - Going Wild Xmas -

Santa's Workshop - 'The Lorax' -

Elements Plus @ the Estuary - Wheels & Water

'Where the Wild Things Are' - Blast from the Past -

Endless Summer Fun - Elements Plus @ the Farm

Register now for December & January

Website: <https://www.elementsnature.co.nz/>

Fb: <https://www.facebook.com/elementsprogrammes>

To book: <https://elementsaimplus.com/>

Email: elementsprogrammes@gmail.com

Phone: Kim 0279340409



5yrs-13yrs
10yrs-14yrs



16-22th Dec
6-29th Jan



Brighton,
Marshlands,
Pines Beach &
Cashmere Farm