



Newsletter #23 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 6 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,** About this time of the year people often ask us if we are 'winding down' for the end of the year! There is certainly more of a sense of 'winding up' as opposed to 'winding down' as the weeks become busier and busier.

Since our last newsletter it has been all go around here!

Our Kapahaka and Pasifika groups performed last week at the last-ever Christchurch Cultural Festival at the Horncastle Arena. As always, watching these groups is a very emotional experience, as those of you who saw them perform in assembly today will have experienced. The quality of the performance is the result of months of hard work, and the influence of the teachers and



tutors involved: Tim and Shar Pirikau, Jasmine Stirling, Racheal Cooper, Kylie O'Keeffe, and Anna-Belle Graham. There will be another opportunity to see these groups perform at the end of the year.

This week, after a couple of 'false starts' due to weather, we held our annual Athletic Sports for children in Years 4-8. It is always a delight to see children trying their hardest and giving things a go. Mr Redmond is our teacher in charge of sport – not a small role in a school of this size – and it is thanks to him that we are able to run events like this at school so efficiently. I have to say that the teachers relay team does seem to be getting slower each year!



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**Mark Your  
Calendar**

## NOVEMBER

- 10th Zones Athletics
- 11th Ready For Rāwhiti Party
- 13th SCHOOL CLOSED—Show Day
- 16th SCHOOL CLOSED—Teacher Only Day
- 18th Y3/4 Tabloid Sports Day
- 19th No Technology (Y7/8s)
- 19th Whanau Hui, 5.30pm
- 24&25 Y5/6 Camp Experience Day
- 25th Children's University Graduation
- 27th PTA Mufti Day—Xmas Raffle Donation

## DECEMBER

- 2nd Canterbury Athletics
- 10th Board of Trustees Meeting
- 11th Rāwhiti A&P Show Day
- 14th Showcase Assembly, 1pm
- 14th Y8 Leavers Dinner, 6pm
- 15th Leavers Assembly, 6pm
- 16th TERM 4 ENDS, 12pm





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

Next week our representative athletes will take part in the Eastern Zone Athletics where we always see children achieve at a very high level.

The revamped playground, Hikihiki, opened today at the front of the school causing much excitement around the school. Papatūānuku were the first studio to have the opportunity to explore all of the new play elements. This project has been jointly funded by the PTA and the BOT and we are so grateful for all of the community support that has gone into the various fundraisers over the past few years. We will now choose another area of our grounds to re-develop next year.



Planning for the Rāwhiti A & P Show on December 11th also continues at pace and we are now ready to start accepting entries into the various show categories. 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](#).

### **New Appointments**

The Board of Trustees has recently appointed Courtney Ruske and Issie Campbell to permanent teaching positions at Rāwhiti. Most of you will know Courtney, who has been with us for the last two years in the Papatūānuku teaching team. Issie Campbell is moving to Christchurch from the Hawkes Bay next year, and comes to us from Mahora Primary School. Issie is a talented musician and performer and we are looking forward to benefitting from her expertise.

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

With regret, the BOT has accepted the resignation of one of our Team Leaders, Alison Beech. Alison has been with us for the last three years and has had a significant impact on the teaching and learning in our middle school. Alison is moving on as part of her next career stage and we will be sad to see her go. She will be farewelled at our final assembly on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**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 Cheryl on [exec@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:exec@rawhiti.school.nz) 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 will expire.

**Planning for 2021**

Today is the last day for you to share any information with us regarding your child's needs and the type of teacher you would like to see them placed with in 2021. You can do this by e-mailing Kim at [admin@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:admin@rawhiti.school.nz). Your opinions will be considered alongside of the information from teachers and input from the children themselves.

If you know that your plans for 2021 do not involve Rāwhiti School please take the time to let us know now as soon as possible as this also impacts on our planning. Our school roll is at an all-time high of 595 children and we continue to welcome new whanau to the school. Only 10% of our Year 6 students are choosing to leave at the end of the year to attend another school meaning that we will have a very strong group of senior role models next year.

**Teacher Only Day—Monday 16th November**

A reminder to you all that school will be closed on this day for a Teacher Only Day. Please make alternative arrangements for your children for the day.

Noho ora mai,  
**Liz Weir**  
**Principal**





## Principals Awards *Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki*



### Rongo-Ma-Tane

Beau, Nixon B, Lillian, Joel, Maddie, Tilda, Jack, Ailla x2, Azaiah, Dylan, Ashleigh x2, Maddie B x2, Abby, Ava x3, Brenyn, Jackson, Alice, Nova, Gabby x2, Sam, Hunter A-B, Leo, Moses x2, Mahalia, Opal, Nova, Grace x2, Noah B, Cayden.

### SUCCESS@RAWHITI

Congratulations to our caretaker, Georgina, who recently received a "Keep Christchurch Beautiful Community Award" for her contribution to keeping our grounds looking so great.



Also well done to Anika R, from North Wai Boardriders Club, who won the Year 6 & Under Canterbury Primary Schools Champs recently.

### 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.

### 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.

### Free to a Good Home

We have a Milano brand car capsule with warranty that does not expire for another year donated for a family in need. It comes with 2 bases to fit into cars, and the capsule just clicks in and out without having to re-adjust the seatbelt each time. It has not been involved in any accidents – is simply surplus to requirements now.

If you are interested then please email Kim on [admin@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:admin@rawhiti.school.nz).



### Itty Bitty Beats & Suzy Cato—Live here!

We are lucky enough to have Itty Bitty Beats & Suzy Cato coming to perform to our juniors next Monday 9th November at 11.15am.



Feel free to come along and bring your pre-schoolers to enjoy this fun music as well!

[CLICK HERE](#) to see their "Christmas in Summer" song.

**Healthy Active Learning** – *Have your say on improving healthy eating and drinking, and quality physical activity for our tamariki!*

Kia ora Whānau

Our school is involved in a government wellbeing initiative called [Healthy Active Learning](#) which is aimed at improving wellbeing of our tamariki and young people through healthy eating, drinking and quality physical activity.

Massey University is undertaking the [evaluation of Healthy Active Learning](#) on behalf of Sport NZ, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education. As part of the evaluation, Massey would really like to find out from parents and whānau how their children participate in physical activity and healthy eating and drinking at our school.

[Click here to complete the whānau survey.](#) It takes 5-10 minutes and if you complete the survey you will go in the draw to win a \$100 supermarket voucher.

Click here to view [Facebook page](#) for more details.

Can you make every effort to complete the survey as it is very important to have your thoughts on this important wellbeing initiative that our school/kura is involved in.

### Y3/4 Tabloid Sports Day



On Wednesday 18 November our Year 3 & 4 students will take part in a Tabloid sports day with Parkview School. This day is being organised by Shirley Boys' High School and their Year 9 & 10 students alongside Hannah from Eastern Community Sport.

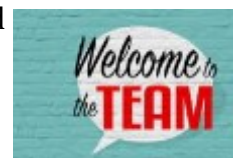
### Clean Up!

The Junior Neighbourhood Support leaders and some other students did a rubbish clean up for Clean Up NZ week. Their time doing this also counted for the William Pike Challenge. Most of the rubbish found at school was from lunch packaging - easy to reduce! Birds think small bits of plastic are food so we were careful to pick up even tiny bits. Well done boys—only one bucket of rubbish filled from the school grounds!!



### New Staff

We would like to welcome Phillip and Marynita who have joined our support staff team.





## Library News

Keep an eye out for details on the “Summer Reading Challenge”. To support the Summer Reading challenge the library will be open for borrowing after school hours on Monday 14th Dec, after the Showcase Assembly.

The last day for books to be issued from the library during breaks and class time will be **Thursday 12th November**. All student issued books are due back on or before **Friday 4th December**.

Then the library will be closed to classes/at breaks for stocktake on Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th December.

The library will re-open to support the “Summer Reading Challenge” and we will keep you informed of those dates.



## Please Pay For Any Extra Curricula Activities On Your Account (as per list below)

Your child's school account is available to view on Hero - if you haven't already downloaded the Hero app please do so. If you are having trouble viewing, 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 Rāwhiti 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 Uni-versity, School Uniforms, Ballet, 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!



## Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori



- **Eastside Football Academy** has been formed by local NZ Football Qualified coach Darren Clements to give access to quality coaching for all skill levels of local footballers.
- Programmes for both Boys and Girls
- Next programmes starts in OCTOBER 2020
- Spaces left for kids born in years 2013, 2014, 2010 & 2011
- **Spaces are limited!**
- Held @ Clare Park – Burwood
- Website – [www.eastsidefootballacademy.com](http://www.eastsidefootballacademy.com)
- If interested please contact Darren
- [dkclements@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dkclements@xtra.co.nz) or 027 272 3172

**Summ –Store**

Located 186 Shaw avenue New Brighton, across from Dominos and the famous Kim!

Summ –Store is a craft shop full of so many goodies 90% made with love by Cantabrians.

Summ –Boocha Kombucha and Kefir both are amazing antioxidant and probiotic drinks filled with vitamins made right here in store

Summ –Store offers so many gift options especially with Christmas coming up.

Dream Catchers, Candles, Shampoo & conditioner bars, clothing, Maori Art, Jewelry, Glass wear, knitwear, Art, And so much more goodies. There is Laybuy and After pay are available in the store.

Add us on Facebook and Instagram: @summstore

Website: <https://nickys-nails.wixsite.com/website>

Closed Sunday & Monday

Open 9:30-2pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday

Friday Late Night: 9:30 am –9pm

**UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT**

# AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

**\*AND HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

**NEW ENROLMENTS!**

We are taking new enrolments all year round for our After School & Holiday Programs

**MEET THE TEAM!**

For more information please contact:

JAZZ: 0204 1070744 or [genzkids81@gmail.com](mailto:genzkids81@gmail.com)

Mon - Fri 3pm - 6pm. We pick up from school & provide afternoon tea  
WINZ Subsidy Available! \$15 per day

**GenZ**



**Aranui Bike Fix-Up** has been going well since starting up in August. In just over 3 months we have given away 90 bikes and repaired 60 bikes for people in the community. Three of our regular young people have received their first tool from our 'earn a bike tool' scheme. On Thursday 10th December we are having our final fixup for the year and celebrating the good progress with some extra food on offer, so it would be a great chance for people to come and see what we do and get a bike for Christmas if you need one. 153 Breezes Road 3-6pm. We will aim to open again on Thursday 28th January. Contact Seve Muir 0210619296 or [aranuibikefixup@gmail.com](mailto:aranuibikefixup@gmail.com) for more details. Any donations of bikes or parts or bike fixing skills are welcome.



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



CRICKET, BUT NOT AS YOU KNOW IT  
FAST PACED ACTIVITIES & GAMES  
BE ACTIVE & HAVE FUN WITH YOUR FRIENDS

**yeah!**  
GIRLS

**EASTERN SPORTS**

THURSDAYS | 4.00 - 5.15pm | Ages 10 - 17  
Rawhiti Domain, \$20 for full programme  
22 October - 10 December

To register online go to [www.yeahgirls.nz](http://www.yeahgirls.nz) or contact your local Activator:  
Georgia Thomson | [eastern@yeahgirls.nz](mailto:eastern@yeahgirls.nz)



**EASTERN SPORTS  
HAVE A GO  
SESSIONS!**

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!  
All welcome years 1-8  
Term 4 Tuesday's and Wednesday's  
from 3.10-4.10pm  
Weeks 2-9 at Rawhiti School Starting  
Tuesday 20th October.  
\$4 Per Session  
For more information go to:  
<http://www.easterncommunity.co.nz/programme/have-a-go/>  
Parents must come and sign their child  
in.