



Newsletter #23 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 4 December 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 is 'all go' round here at the moment and since our last newsletter there have been a host of Rāwhiti success stories:

Our amazing landscaping won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 'Learning Environments New Zealand Awards' for Outdoor Learning Areas. The judges said that this is well-deserved recognition of the successful outcomes of Rāwhiti School and Kamo Marsh Landscape Architects' significant commitment to thoughtful and inspirational design in learning environments.



Our first ever graduates from Children's University received their diplomas at a special graduation ceremony at the Christchurch Town Hall last week.

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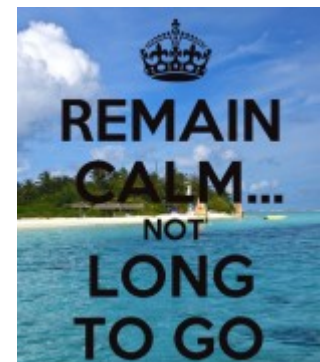


### **DECEMBER**

- 7-10 Library Closed For Stocktake
- 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 ...

### Rāwhiti A&P Show – Only 1 Week to Go!

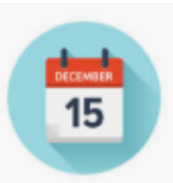
This time next week our Rāwhiti A & P Show will be in full swing! Hopefully, all our children are busy creating things to enter into the various categories, which are:

- All Creatures Great and Small
- How Does Your Garden Grow
- Produce and Craft
- Whanau Challenges.

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](#). Entries will stay open over the weekend so it is not too late to get busy!

Next week we will be sending out a special A & P Show bulletin with all of the details about what activities are happening during the day, and what your child needs to do with their entries on the day. You are all welcome to pop in at some stage during the afternoon to view the exhibits once the judging has been completed.

### Final Assembly



A reminder that our Final Assembly this year will be on Tuesday 15th December at 6.00pm. The timing is to make it possible for the whole family to attend together, and **all children are expected to be part of this event**. 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. The usual running time is 1 hour.

As it is nearly the end of the school year it is a great time to have a hunt around at home for any school property and return it to us. This includes sports uniforms, kapahaka uniforms, library books and school reading books. It would be great to get all of these back before December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Noho ora mai,  
**Liz Weir**  
 Principal



## Principals Awards Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki



### Rongo-Ma-Tane

Ashleigh x2, Ava x2, Azalea-Rose. Beau x2, Brenyn x3, Carter x2, Cayden, Emilie-Vida, Freida x3, Gabby x2, Geordie x3, Grace x3, Henry, Hunter A-B, Indie H, Indi-Lea H-G x3, Jackson x3, Jamie, Jesse H x2, Koa x2, Lillian, Luca C x2, Macie, Mackson, Mattis x2, Mia P, Moses x2, Nate, Nishil, Noah B, Peyton, Rex x2, River x4, Sam M x3, Samu x3, Ted, Tilda x2, Tobias-John, Travis, Vinnie

### 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.

### 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.



## Ka Ora, Ka Ako - Healthy School Lunches Programme



The Government is 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 affected by the economic impact of COVID. Offering a lunch for all our children will go some way to helping families/whānau to support their children/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](http://www.education.govt.nz/free-and-healthy-school-lunches), and we will update you with details between now and the end of the year.



## 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 devices comes set up ready to use at school at no additional cost. The cost per device will be \$520 (including GST).

Any order made now 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](mailto:elizabethk@rawhiti.school.nz)

### SUCCESS@Rāwhiti

Congratulations to the following students who did so well at Zones Athletics they went on to represent us at the Canterbury Athletics this week:

Josh D, Kymaira-Lee, Azryel, Isla H, Clara, Rhykos, Jordan N, Arika, Miriam, Anika R, Aston S and Matthew W.



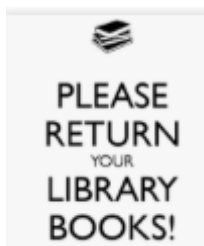
### Out of Zone Siblings

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.

### 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.



**Y5/6 Day Out**

The Year 5/6 tamariki had a fantastic two days participating in replacement camp activities last week. They spent their time at Inflatible World, Ten Pin Bowling and Flip out. Everywhere we went, the centre staff commented on how awesome our kids were. They are a credit to you and our kura. #rawhitischoolkidsrock



**Children's University Graduates**

As Liz mentioned earlier, well done to all our children's who graduated Children's University at the town hall last week after completing 30+ hours of study.

**Bronze Award for 30 hours:** Jasmine A, Ruby, Breanna, Minttu, Melody, Violet, Diego, Olivia T, Frankie.

**Silver Award for 65 hours:** Willow B, Connor B, Emily, Dylan D, Azryel, Charli, Tian, Jessica, Taylor P, Brooke W.

**Gold Award for 100 hours:** Elvis, Eartha, Maea C, Greta, Samuel P.

**Bronze Certificate for 130 hours:** Charlotte J, Ava M.

**Gold Certificate for 200 hours:** Heath



## Ballet Performance

Some of our Year 7/8 students were lucky enough to attend a performance of Sleeping Beauty by the RNZB at the Isaac Theatre Royal recently.



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 **1 December 2020 to 28 February 2021.**

For paper entries [click here](#), or get in learning studios. 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 – 3pm to 4 pm.
- Monday 14th December – 3pm to 4 pm.

The school library will also be open the final week of school if you want to pop in during school hours, view our collection and issue any books! Remember we do have a Parent Library!

**EASTERN'S  
ACTIVE  
MORNING'S**

Join us before Christmas these December School Holidays for fun games, activities & sports!

**10:00am - 11:30am**  
Friday 18th, Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd.

**ALL AGES WELCOME**  
\$4 per session

**@ The Eastern Hub,  
19 Rawhiti Avenue**  
To register go to:

<http://www.easterncommunity.co.nz/programme/easterns-active-mornings/>

*Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori*

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



Come and join us for Carnaby Lanes 1st Christmas Market – with 20 stalls its the perfect time to shop local and support small businesses this year for Christmas .

10am – 2pm

Great Eateries in the Laneway – Live Music and performances

Rāwhiti School Kapa Haka Group, The New Brighton Silver Band, Amplify Music Students and some Pirate Music!