



Newsletter #1 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 5 February 2021

*E ara ake ana i te ūruhi
Rising Above The Ordinary*

From The Deputy Principals

Kia ora koutou—Welcome back

2021! How did we get here so quickly? For those of you old enough to remember back to last century the world was a very different place in the year 2000. Google was only two years old and not yet a verb. Trademe had only just started up and Facebook hadn't been invented. Elon Musk had sold his first company. Internet banking was just a new thing and digital cameras saved photos to 3.5" floppy disks.

In schools we imagined what the world might be like in 2021. We thought that computers might have a much bigger place in education but I don't think we imagined children learning from home during a pandemic lockdown. What we knew then, and we know is still true, is that the very best education will happen when dedicated teachers work in partnership with families and children to inspire a love of learning. We are excited to be back and can't wait to see the amazing learning that will happen in 2021.

This newsletter contains a lot of important information. We encourage you to read all of it and respond to the things that are relevant for you and your child.

Our learning concept for 2021 is Belonging: Ko au, ko koe, ko tāua. Across the year studios will look at this concept through the different lens of the curriculum. For Term 1 the focus is on the Health and PE area. Here is a [HOME LEARNING SHEET](#). A copy of this is included later in the newsletter.

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Mark Your Calendar

FEBRUARY 2021

- 8th School Closed—Waitangi Day Observed
- 9th Tawhirimatea Pool Party 3-5pm
- 10th Kapahaka starts, 1-2pm
- 10th Pasifika starts 2.15pm-3pm
- 10th Tangaroa Pool Party 3-4pm
- 11th Papatuanuku Pool Party 3-4pm
- 17th Tawhirimatea Pool Party
- 18th Ukelele starts
- 25th BOT meeting

MARCH 2021

- 2nd Scholastic Book Club Closes
- 12th Last Day of Swimming



From The Deputy Principals continued ...

Concerns, Complaints, and Communication

In our experience, when parents have a concern that relates to their child at school - whether it's pastoral, curriculum or staffing in nature –it can be most quickly resolved by talking first to the most appropriate person. Your starting point will usually be the classroom teacher. In this newsletter you will find a flowchart attached outlining who the most appropriate person will be. Problems are usually remedied easily; rumours are often ill founded; policies and practice are sometimes misunderstood; errors, shortcomings and wrongs should be corrected immediately. Please do not let a little concern become a major worry – we are always happy to listen and work with you to resolve an issue.

Please remember that our teachers are also husbands, wives, parents and members of their community and they need time to undertake these roles as well. Our teachers are highly committed and they work very hard, but they also need to finish work at a reasonable time each day. If you email a staff member in the evening please do not expect an immediate response. We ask our teachers to check their emails at the end of the school day and when they arrive in the morning. They will not be checking or responding to emails after 6pm. [CLICK HERE](#) for a Flowchart for Communication Procedures or you can obtain a copy from the office.

New staff

We are very glad to welcome the following new staff to Rāwhiti School this year: Issie Campbell is in Papatūānuku, Marian Rait is in Ata Hapara and Beth Love-Smit is in Tāwhirimātea.

Liz, our Principal, is away for Term 1 on sabbatical. If you need to contact senior leadership please contact the office and make a time to see [Helen Parata](#) or [Paul Wilkinson](#) (Deputy Principals). We will be sharing the Acting Principal role in Liz's absence.

Noho ora mai,
Helen Parata & Paul Wilkinson
 Acting Principals



Hero App

The Hero app is our primary way of communicating with families information, school events and student achievement. The app is linked to the email address provided at enrolment. If you have changed your email address please update this at the office. Also if you need assistance with logging in, Kim in the office can help you with this. ***Instructions to log in are later in the newsletter.***



Update Your Contact Info

It is very important that we have the correct contact information for parents, caregivers and emergency contacts. If you have moved address, changed phone numbers or email address, or your emergency contacts are no longer able to come in an emergency please update these details with the office. In the event of an emergency school closure we are only able to release your child to a person listed in our database as an emergency contact.

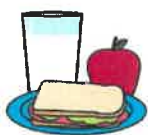
Child Absence**Attendance**

Just a reminder that if your child is not going to be coming to school please contact the office before 9am with your child's name and reason for absence by one of the following methods:

- Call the office on 388-9519 and leave an absence message
- Text on 021 0827 1380
- Front page of our website.

Currently if you do not contact the school, you will receive a text from us, which you can reply to. If you don't reply to the text we will call you to follow up on the absence.

You can also contact the office if your child will be away for a long period of time and then you won't have to contact us every day of their absence.

**Healthy School Lunches Programme**

As most of you are aware Rāwhiti School is part of the Healthy School Lunches programme this year. Lunch is provided for every child however as they iron out the logistics of the production and delivery some of the special dietary requests have not been able to be fulfilled but hopefully by next week that will be changed.

If your child has food allergies or special dietary requirements please communicate these to the school office via email admin@rawhiti.school.nz. Once we have a new request, it takes 3-5 days for the new request to be processed so please ensure you still send your child to school with lunch until we can confirm.

Swimming

Our wonderful school pool is open for swimming again this term. Swimming is part of the school curriculum and we encourage all children to participate in lessons and develop their water confidence skills which are really important. Check with your child's class about which days your child is swimming.

Please ensure that togs, towel, goggles etc are all named. The pool is also open at lunch times for Year 4 - 8 children.

Teacher Release

One condition in the New Zealand Primary teachers employment agreement is regular classroom release time. Our teachers take this non-contact time once a fortnight and use it for planning, collecting and analysing data and observing best practice.

On top of this, our first year beginning teachers are released for a day a week and our second year teachers one day a fortnight to ensure they are mentored and supported during their first two years.

Our Team Leaders are also released regularly so they can carry out their responsibilities. We are very fortunate to have a strong team of part-time teachers who create engaging programmes and develop strong relationships with our learners. Elizabeth Kazmierczak leads our fantastic release team of Caroline Briggs, Jen Evans, Nicole Johnson, Marcella Wood, and Louise Wynn.



Year 7/8 Technology Education

Our Year 7 & 8 students attend Technology lessons offsite at Linwood College, on the former Phillipstwon School site in Nursery Road every Thursday morning. The bus leaves from school at 8:30am.

The curriculum has been developed in line with the 'Technology' and 'Health and Physical Education' aspects of the New Zealand Curriculum. Their aim is to provide students with a variety of learning experiences that will enable them to thrive in a rapidly changing world. The standard two-year programme consists of five modules each year covering: Food and Nutrition, Fabrics, Wood, Electronics, Robotics, Product Design, DigiTech

The student material fees cover the costs of materials and foods used while at the centre. The student material fee for 2021 is \$50 including GST for both Year 7 & Year 8 students. This will show on your school account.

Year 5 & 6 Camp

If you have a child in Year 5 and/or 6 they should have brought home a notice with some details about their camp, being held at Waipara Adventure Centre from Mon 22—Wed 24 March for Year 5s, and Wed 24—Fri 26 March for Year 6s.

The cost for camp will be \$65 per child. This covers the accommodation, bus and food. This payment will need to be made before the **17th of March please.**

Scooters, skateboards and bikes

Children may bring scooters, skateboards and bikes to school. These come to school at your own risk and we strongly encourage children to lock them to the available stands. We have an engraving machine at school and are quite happy to engrave names into scooters or skateboards. Contact Paul paul@rawhiti.school.nz or the school office if you would like this done.

Ministry of Education School Donations Scheme

The Rāwhiti School Board of Trustees has again opted in to the Ministry of Education School Donation Scheme. The school will receive additional funds as part of the operating grant. This means that this year 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 at Linwood College.

We have information about the donations scheme on our school website under "General Information FAQs" and "Donations".

Uniform

Wearing the Rāwhiti uniform is compulsory and is an important part of helping children develop a sense of belonging at school. Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled so lost items can be returned to their owner.

Our uniform is a regulation polo shirt and fleece, or black senior jacket (Yr7&8 only) with a plain black bottom half. Students may wear a plain black or white thermal under their polo if they require an extra layer. Children will be asked to remove their non-regulation uniform. This includes coloured items under their polo shirts and non-regulation sweatshirts. **Information about senior jackets for Year 7s will be sent out next week.**

Jeans, jandals, boots and shoes with heels are not permitted. Wheelie shoes can be brought to school but can only be used across the bridges on the court area.

Sunhats

School uniform sunhats must be worn outside during Term 1. Hats are available from the school office for \$12.50.

Weetbix Tryathlon

The weetbix triathlon is happening again this year on Sunday 28th of February. Unfortunately the AM event is sold out but you can still enter the PM event.

If you would like to enter under Rāwhiti School you can use this code to get a discount. There are only a few discounted entries so first in first served.

CODE: FDTCCRAW



Kelly Sports

We are fortunate to have the Kelly Sports Programme at school again this year. It will go for 7 weeks on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday. Every child will participate at every week during the 7 weeks and the focus is on sportsmanship and team activities. This will start from Tuesday 9th February.

COVID19

We continue to have a large amount of control over how we can prevent the spread of COVID.

For our school we will:

- display QR code posters for the NZ COVID Tracer App
- keep our visitor register, attendance register and timetables up to date
- be monitoring for illness and asking anyone who is unwell to remain at home, or to go home
- encourage people with relevant symptoms to seek medical advice through Healthline or their GP and get tested for COVID if recommended to do so
- reinforce the importance of good hand washing and drying
- reinforce good cough and sneeze etiquette.

I can reassure you that we will continue to regularly clean all parts of our school.

Update on our penguin

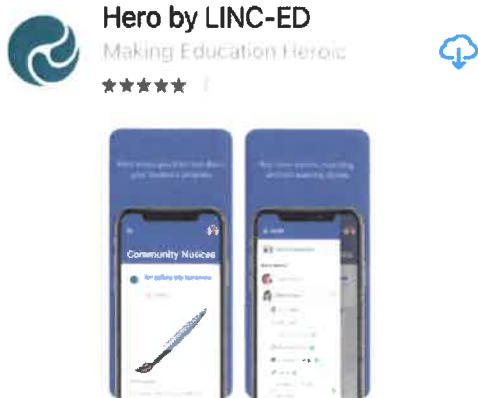
Our penguin has now left its temporary home at the New Brighton Library. There will be a final chance to see all the Penguins in one place before the auction and the return of the little penguins to their schools. On the 13th and 14th of February between 9.30am—4.30pm all the penguins will be at Wigram Air Base, gold coin entry with all money raised supporting Cholmondeley Children's Centre. For those with the app you can get all the codes you missed from the trail. After this event our little penguin will be making its way back home to Rāwhiti.



To set your password and log into Hero for the first time:

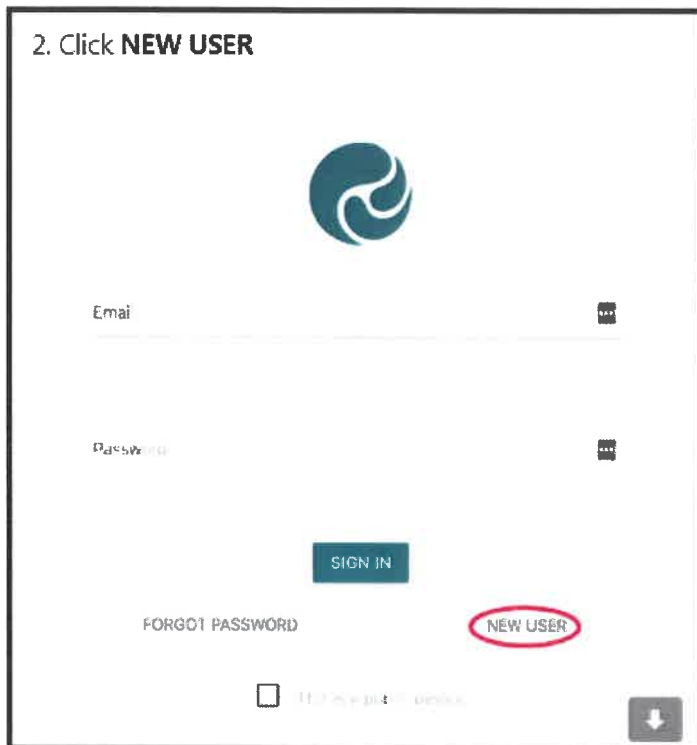
1. Download the **Hero by LINC-ED** app from the app store

Note: use the keywords Hero LINC-ED when searching for the app

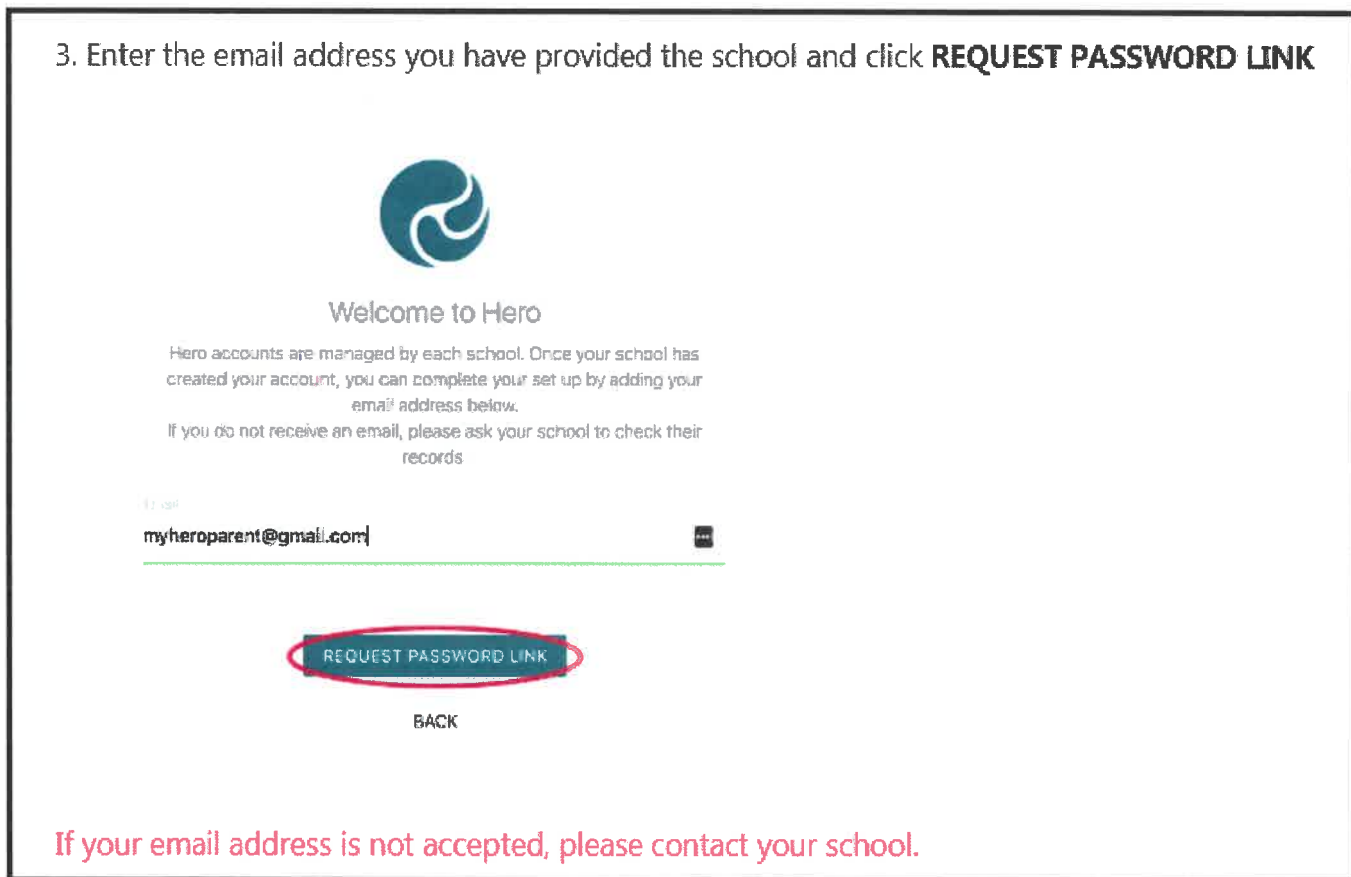


Alternatively, open your browser and enter app.linc-ed.com

2. Click NEW USER



3. Enter the email address you have provided the school and click REQUEST PASSWORD LINK



If your email address is not accepted, please contact your school.

6. Open the email and click **RESET MY PASSWORD**



Password Reset Request

at HERO ACCOUNT

Hi

We have received a request to reset your password.

To do this please click on the button below.

If you did not request a password reset please ignore this email.

Note: For security reasons, the link to reset your password can only be used once and is only valid for an hour.

RESET MY PASSWORD

7. Enter a secure password (8 or more characters), verify this password then click **SET PASSWORD**



Reset Password

Set your Hero Account password.

new password

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confirm new password

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SET PASSWORD

[BACK](#)

8. You will receive a confirmation message. Click **SIGN IN**



Reset Password



Success! Sign in below with your new password.

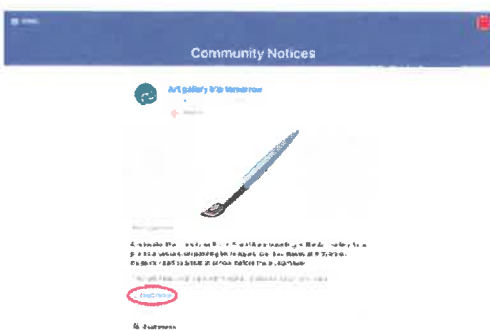
SIGN IN

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10. Click **SIGN IN**

ONCE YOU HAVE SIGNED IN:

1. You will see Community notices sent by your child's school. If the text is long, you may need to click **read more** to view the whole message













PLEASE NOTE:

If you do not have access to a computer at home, or are having difficulties with the instructions, please feel free to come to the office and Kim can assist you.




Rāwhiti School Recommended Communication Procedure for Parents

In our experience, when parents have a concern that relates to their child at school, whether it's pastoral, curriculum or staffing in nature, many of these concerns can often be most quickly resolved by talking first to the most appropriate person. This flowchart outlines who the most appropriate person will be.

Learning Concerns	Pastoral Concerns <i>Pastoral care covers our support of your child's individual needs, their emotional wellbeing and helping them with any personal problems they may be experiencing at school.</i>	Concern relating to particular learning or physical needs. <i>Where a concern is related to a special need and you feel an adjustment may be required to support successful learning e.g. issues related to ASD (autistic spectrum disorders), dyslexia or dyspraxia or physical disabilities</i>	Issues relating to staff	Concerns & Queries relating to school school accounts and finances
				
Please raise your concern with your child's Kaiawhina in the first instance. 	Please raise your concern with your child's Kaiawhina in the first instance. 	Please raise your concern with your child's Kaiawhina in the first instance. 	Please contact our Office Administrator who will forward your concern to the most appropriate person.	Please speak to Cheryl Nuthall our Executive Officer.
If the Kaiawhina is unable to help please contact the Team Leader. 		If the Kaiawhina is unable to help please arrange an appointment with Lauren McDonnell, our Learning Support Coordinator.		
If the Team Leader is unable to help please contact our Deputy Principals - Paul Wilkinson or Helen Parata. 				
Please make an appointment to see Liz Weir, the Principal, if Paul or Helen are unable to help. Appointments can be made by contacting the school office, ph 3889519 or email admin@rawhiti.school.nz				
Teachers are available in the Learning Studios between 8.30 and 9am and after school between 3pm – 3:30pm for informal conversations. Please note that Tuesday is Staff Meeting day and teachers will be in meetings from 3.20pm. If you wish to have a more formal meeting with a teacher please make an appointment by emailing the teacher directly. Email addresses can be found on our school website.				

This year our learning concept is 'Belonging: Ko au, ko koe, ko tāua'.

At Rāwhiti School we believe learning happens everywhere. Often the best learning is a result of shared experiences and conversations. Spending time together as a family/whānau and having fun is the best home learning you can do with your child. Here are some things you might like to try at home together.

<p>Draw an outline of the front of your house. Inside the outline of your home, draw or cut out pictures of the people who share your home with you.</p> <p>You could draw other family members who don't live in your house with you around the outside. Remember to draw any pets too!</p>	<p>Think of a place that is special to you or your whānau. -why is it special? what was your happiest memory there? -who else do you meet there? If possible, can you visit this place together.</p>	<p>Make a paper - chain of your friends or whānau</p> 	<p>Ask your mother or father or another family member to discuss with you the day that you were born.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where were you born? • Who was there? • Did anything out of the ordinary happen? <p>How did your family feel when they first got to see you?</p>
<p>Take some photos together with your family or friends.</p> 	<p>Sort through your room or an area of the house. Are there some belongings you could donate to someone in need?</p>	<p>Learn, practise or extend your pepeha</p> <p>https://pepeha.nz/create-pepeha</p>	<p>Cook a meal together that celebrates your family's cultural identity.</p> 
<p>http://www.otitenanekoti.co.nz/ (te reo Māori version) http://www.oatthegoat.co.nz/ (english version)</p> <p>Talk about and practise taking turns, sharing, helping, and looking after others</p>	<p>Design a brochure or a poster to show others about a group or organisation you belong to.</p>	<p>Read or listen to a Māori legend. There are lots online or in books at the library.</p> <p>https://storytime.rnz.co.nz/book/how-mou-i-fished-up-the-north-island/</p>	<p>Make a jigsaw puzzle about your family. How do you all fit together?</p> <p>You could draw a picture and upload it to make a puzzle here ... https://www.epuzzle.info/en/create</p>
<p>Does your family have a favourite meal or recipe that has been passed down from an older relative? Have a go at making this dish.</p>	<p>Make a map of your local community. Where is your house? Where is our school? Which places do you like to go to?</p>	<p>Does your family have a coat of arms? If yes, what is it and if no, can you create one to share?</p>	<p>Learn everyone in your family's full names. Maybe you could find out their birthdays too.</p>

Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori

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Teenage Years Toolbox is a course designed to support you on your journey of parenting your teenager. You will learn ways to strengthen your relationship with your teenager and support them as they navigate the teenage years. In six sessions, over six weeks the course covers a range of topics, including the importance of love and connection, understanding yourself as a parent, understanding your teenager and their emotions, discipline, boundaries and lots more.

Date: Thursday 18th February

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Grace Vineyard Beach - Seafield Building, 71 Beresford Street

We've recently made some changes to the content of Teenage Toolbox, and this course contains the updated content. If you'd like to take the opportunity to attend this course and you'd be willing to let us know how you find it, register now and someone will be in touch to give you more information before you start the course.

To show our appreciation for your feedback, we have removed the usual cost of \$75 per person or \$110 for a couple. Instead, if you would like, we welcome you to make a donation of any amount to attend the course.

For more information contact Kirsten on 0274312220 or kirsten.wyllie@parentingplace.nz <mailto:kirsten.wyllie@parentingplace.nz>

DRAMA CLASSES – The Canvas Bag Drama School South Brighton is now taking enrolments for term 1 2021. Ask about a free trial class. Spaces available in the 5 to 8 year old group - only. There are no spaces available in the 9 to 13 year old group.(waiting list available.)

Drama gives children a chance to develop imagination and confidence in a playful social environment.

Experience leadership, comedy, improvisation, costumes, laughter, friends, and wrap it all up with a fabulous performance in term four.

All of our tutors are qualified teachers.

Classes run on Thursdays: 5 to 8 year olds 3.30

9 to 12 year olds 4.30

For more information: please email info@canvasbag.nz or Contact Gina Fowler 022 351 2519 or visit our website www.canvasbag.nz

Aranui Bike Fixup

Every Thursday 3-6pm

153 Breezas Rd (cnr of Wainoni Rd)

Free help to fix your bike and
learn bike repair skills



Contact: Steve 021 0619296

aranuibikefixup@gmail.com

Facebook: Aranui bike fixup



- 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.
- Get ready for the 2021 Football season
- Next programmes starts in **JANUARY 2021**
- Spaces for kids born in 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010
- **Spaces are limited!**
- Held @ Clare Park – Burwood
- Website – www.eastsidefootballacademy.com
- If interested please contact Darren
- dkclements@xtra.co.nz or 027 272 3172

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Come and join **Parklands Rugby Club**. Under 6 to Under 13 teams.

Are you interested in playing rugby? Come and register at Parklands Rugby Club.

Registration dates: 14th February 2021 from 12-3pm at Parklands at Play - based on field opposite Chadbury Street on Queenspark Drive (cancelled if wet).

Registration days are being held at our club room - Pukeko Centre, Chadbury Street, Parklands.

Thu 18 February 2021, Pukeko Centre, Chadbury Street, 6pm till 7pm

Sun 21 February 2021, Pukeko Centre, Chadbury Street, 11-12:30pm

Sun 28 February 2021, Pukeko Centre, Chadbury Street, 3:30-5pm

Check out: <http://www.parklandsrugby.co.nz/>



Subs include: Union fees, Hoodie, Trophy, Photo and mouthguard. \$75 for one child, \$140 for 2 children and \$190 for 3 children (for the season).

The Under 6, 7 teams play Rippa Rugby. Usually the U8 teams and above play tackle, however in 2021 there are Rippa and Tackle options up to and including the Under 11 teams. Please state when you come to registrations if you are interested in tackle or rippa for the U8-U11 players. In 2020 Parklands Rugby Club had an 'all girls' team - please also state at registration whether this is of interest.

<http://www.parklandsrugby.co.nz/FAQs/FAQs> should have all your answers.

 A poster for "Read to a dog" with a green and blue background. It features a photo of a dog's face. The text reads: "Read to a dog", "Grow your child's confidence with reading in a relaxed setting", "Every Wednesday (term time) 3.30-4.30pm", "Free, booking essential", and "New Brighton Library".

Read to a dog

Grow your child's confidence with reading in a relaxed setting

Every Wednesday (term time) 3.30-4.30pm
Free, booking essential

New Brighton Library

When: 3.30-4.30pm, every Wednesday during term time

Where: New Brighton Library, 213 Marine Parade

Free but booking a 15-minute session is essential. Phone 03-941-7923 or drop into any library.

 A poster for "kidsfirst nuffield WHĀNAU TIME STAY & PLAY". It features a blue circular logo with a smiley face. The text includes: "EVERY WEDNESDAY, Term 1: 9.30AM - 11AM", "Please join us...", "You don't need to be enrolled. Parents with children of any age are welcome to come along for a morning of fun. You can talk to our friendly, experienced teachers about what your child learns as the children play, sing, use their imaginations, start to make new friends, discover, explore, share and laugh together.", "We'd love to see you", and "always welcome". At the bottom, it says "271 Seaview Rd, New Brighton. Phone 03 588 8681. Email: nuffield@kidsfirst.org.nz".

kidsfirst nuffield

WHĀNAU TIME

STAY & PLAY

EVERY WEDNESDAY, Term 1: 9.30AM - 11AM

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FREE
Te Rā o Ngā Tamariki
Children's Day! 2021
Sunday 07 March
11am-3pm | 152 New Brighton Rd
ccc.govt.nz/whatson

Logos for: Te Rā o Ngā Tamariki Children's Day, Plunket, CMM, The Children's Trust, and others.



JUNIOR RUGBY GALA EVENT
Sunday 21 March 10am - 12pm
at Burwood Park

Sausage Sizzle, Lolly Scrambles,
Rugby Skill Drills,
Tackle Practice and more!

For all new and existing Junior players

Shirley Rugby Club Burwood Park, New Brighton, East Christchurch

We welcome all junior players to register for the 2021 season!
Register here now: shirleyrugby.co.nz/junior-rugby
shirleyrugby@shirleyrugby.co.nz | 0800 800 800



BURWOOD
ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

Registration Days

At the Burwood AFC Clubrooms, Clare Park at 153 Burwood Road

Sunday 14 February 2021 10.00 am – 12.00 pm

New Junior players, we need to sight proof of age (birth certificate, passport or Plunket book)

Note that Registration in 2021 are now done Online.

For more details see our website www.burwoodafc.co.nz

Junior coaches required – please contact the Secretary Mark Tolchard 385-0098

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CANTERBURY PRESENTS



JUNIOR FLAG FOOTBALL
FOR 10-14 YEAR OLDS

Keen on American Football?

Flag Football provides a safe, fun introduction to the sport.

We have a five-a-side junior competition for boys and girls aged 10-14. Games will be played on Friday evenings at Marshland Domain on Prestons Road. First games are on 26 February.

Get a bunch of friends together and enter a team or register as an individual and join one of our already established teams.

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE ON 21 FEBRUARY

No experience or equipment is necessary.

For more information about the competition and how to register, head to our Canterbury Junior Flag Football Facebook page www.facebook.com/CanterburyJuniorFlagFootball/ or email juniorflagfootball@gmail.com