



Newsletter #4 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 19 March 2021

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

## *From The Deputy Principals*

Kia ora koutou,

Wow! There is so much going on. Students have been involved in Kelly Sport lessons, gymnastic sessions, swimming and mindfulness sessions this term. We are very fortunate to have great support from many organisations outside school that offer these extraordinary opportunities to our students.

This week we have had a large number of students representing Rāwhiti both at the eastern zone swimming zones, and today a group of Y7&8 students completed the Police Competency challenge (PCT).

And there are still more amazing opportunities to come this term!

Next week our Year 5&6 students head off to camp and some other studios are visiting the city for the Tūmahana performance at the Town Hall. Other upcoming events include museum trips, art gallery trips, Canterbury swimming championships and we have some students training for EPro8 competitions—and all of this is in addition to the normal school activities.

Last week we had our first whole school assembly for the year. It was fantastic to see some of the things that children have been learning. We hold assemblies twice each term. Usually on a Friday morning in the middle and at the end of the term. Whānau are very welcome to attend and celebrate with us. This year each studio will be presenting something at each assembly.

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## Mark Your Calendar

### **MARCH**

- 19th Last day pool is open
- 22-24 Y5 Camp, Waipara
- 24-26 Y6 Camp, Waipara
- 26th Scholastic Book Club Closes
- 30th Mufti Day—Gold coin donation

### **APRIL**

- 2-6 SCHOOL CLOSED—Good Friday to Easter Tuesday
- 8th Canterbury Zones Swimming
- 8th Board of Trustees Meeting
- 15th PTA Meeting
- 16th Whole School Assembly
- 16th Last Day of Term 1

### **MAY**

- 3rd Term 2 begins





**From The Deputy Principals continued ...**

At our assemblies and in classes we will be learning the following Haka as a whole school so that we can better welcome manuhiri (visitors) to school.

**Kaea:** Aha hei runga hei raro

**Katoa:** Hi ha aue ha

**Kaea:** Aha tōia mai

**Katoa:** Te waka

**Kaea:** Ki te urunga

**Katoa:** Te waka

**Kaea:** Ki te moenga

**Katoa:** Te waka

Ki te takotoranga I takoto ai te waka

Hī!



This haka, Tōia Mai offers a powerful description of the waka being pulled up and, for this reason, it is a favourite at pōwhiri/welcoming ceremonies.

The meaning of the haka pōwhiri includes the pulling up of everything the manuhiri (visitors or new whānau) bring with them – their histories, languages, ancestors, and everything else that makes them who they are. Toia Mai seems a perfect fit with our 2021 schoolwide concept of Belonging.

**Ko ngā pae tawhiti, whaia kia tata. Ko ngā pae tata, whakamaua kia tina**  
**The potential for tomorrow depends on what we do today**

**Helen Parata & Paul Wilkinson**  
**Acting Principals**

**Success @ Rawhiti****Eastern Zone Swimming Sports**

Congratulations to the students who represented Rāwhiti at the Eastern Zone Swimming sports on Wednesday. Well done to Reuben S, Lily D, Lucy K, Jakob P, Duke E & Emily C who placed in their events and who will now go through to the Canterbury Swimming Sports in early April.



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Congratulations to the following students who will receive a prize from their entry into the recent Duke Art Festival Competition.

2nd Prizes: Ava M, Eartha, Sid

3rd Prize: Maia T

Prizes and certificates will be awarded at the next full school assembly at the end of the term.



**Camp reminder**

Next week our Year 5 & 6 students will be heading off to Waipara for their camp.



On Monday the first camp with the Year 5s will head off. Children need to arrive at school between 8.30am and 9am with their gear ready to go to camp. Bags can be dropped to the Hall before students sign in at their studio. Any medicine needs to be handed to Eugene. There will be a table set up for collecting the baking. The bus will depart Rāwhiti School at 9.10am.

On Wednesday 24th March all Year 6 children need to come to school with their gear.

Please try and pack all clothing into a bag, and avoid large suitcases. Space for luggage is limited. Please make sure all items are named. [CLICK HERE](#) for the Gear list. Students will need to bring a packed lunch for the first day. Contact phone number for the camp is 033146881.

Buses will return to school before 3pm on Wednesday (for Year 5 camp) and before 3pm on Friday (for Year 6 camp).

**Principals Awards****Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki****Rongo-Ma-Tane**

Abby, Amelia x2, Ashlea C, Ashleigh, Blake x3, Charli B x3, Freida, Hunter A-B, Indi H-G, Jaime x2, Jaxon, Lakey, Logan, Maddie H x2, Mattis, Mia P, Nishil, Noah, Rex x3, Samuel x2, Tahlia, Ted.

**Use of our playground and grounds out of school hours**

If you allow your children to come to school outside of school hours please remind them that we expect them to treat school property with respect.

If anyone notices people using the grounds in an unsafe or damaging manner we encourage you to take photos (if you can do so safely) and let us know, or phone the police if you witness damage being done. Sadly we have had a recent spate of incidents where damage has been done. This costs us time and money to fix. We love our beautiful grounds and want to keep improving the grounds rather than having to repair damage from vandalism.

**Tūmahana**

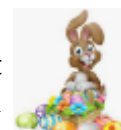
On Monday 29th March Ata Hapara, Tane Mahuta, Tawhirimatea & Tangaroa studios will be making a trip into the city to watch a free performance of Tūmahana. This is a creative partnership with Ngai Tahu and the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra, weaving together elements of dance, aerial and visual arts, Toi Māori, Taonga pūoro and orchestral music.



Studios will be leaving school at different times in the morning and will be involved in various activities around the city before meeting together for lunch at Victoria Square then heading to the show at 1pm at the Christchurch Town Hall. Click to view the [Trailer](#)

**Easter Holiday—School Closed**

As this is the first year for a while that the Easter holiday is in the school term, we thought we should remind you all that school is closed for 3 days around the holiday. The three days school will be closed are **Friday 2nd, Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th April.**





## Police Competency Test

Today a team of Year 7s and Year 8s went to Cowles Stadium to compete in the Police Competency Test as part of the Bluelight Programme. This is the same physical test Police must undertake as part of their training. Congratulations to the Year 8 team who came 3rd overall. Both teams showed a great amount of teamwork all day





## School Pool Now Closed

Our school pool is now closed until after Show Weekend. Studios have been finishing off the Term 1 swimming season with a pool party, the winning reward in the token boxes.



## Teacher Only Days 2021

In 2019 the Ministry of Education granted schools 8 Teacher Only Days to be used during the term of the current collective agreement. Because of the Covid disruption in 2020 we have only used one day so far.

These days are to provide teachers and principals with additional time to:

- Refresh and deepen their knowledge and practice around the local curriculum (within the context of the removal of national standards)
- Strengthen their understanding of the use of assessment tools for learning and teaching
- Respond to the recommendations of the education work programme in the Curriculum, Progress and Achievement (CPA) Report
- Familiarise themselves with curriculum work changes that will become available over the term of the collective agreements.

At Rāwhiti School we have decided to spread these days out across the year and where possible to attach them to a long weekend. In 2021 there will be three teacher only days on:

- **Friday 4th June**
- **Friday 27th August**
- **Thursday 11th November.**



## Some Writing From Ted in Rongo-ma-tane

My mum and me were waking down marriots road to our house and we saw litter. it was school lunches thrown on the foot path. it was not verey good. becaus the teachers put a lot of hard work in to it. food should not be wasted. it is rude because some people don't have any food and some people just waste it.

from ted.







### Maea C, Charlotte J & Jazmin P - Our Cancer Fundraiser

In the last newsletter there was information about this cancer fundraiser. Since then another student has joined the cause. Jazmin is also going to shave her head along with Maema and Charlotte for this fundraiser. This will be happening on Tuesday 30th March. They are aiming to fundraise \$2,500 and as this newsletter went to press, the amount raised so far is \$2160.55.

So, we need your help! Click below to see our donations pages:

**[Link to support Charlotte, Maema & Jazmin](https://shaveforacure.co.nz/t/rawhiti-school?fbclid=IwAR13wE5u66bKUFaMrxaG-jqFkW0xwv7xAs6AOzUN185upIPGE7zRXjrrjXg)**

or you can type this into your browser: <https://shaveforacure.co.nz/t/rawhiti-school?fbclid=IwAR13wE5u66bKUFaMrxaG-jqFkW0xwv7xAs6AOzUN185upIPGE7zRXjrrjXg>

Thank you!

Charlotte, Maema & Jazmin

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Rawhiti School will also be holding a mufti day and this date has changed to **Tuesday 30th March**. Gold coin donations will support Maema and Charlotte's fundraising efforts, with all funds going to Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand.

### Tākarokaro - Creating extraordinary play breaks for our tamariki

We were very fortunate to receive some funding from the Tu Manawa fund, as part of our involvement in the Healthy Active Learning initiative. The idea behind 'Tākarokaro - Creating extraordinary play breaks' is for students to be able to access quality equipment (balls, frisbees, skipping ropes etc) for their use at break times so they can partake in their own personally directed cooperative games, engage in active recreational activities, have quality experiences in free play, share and socialise with others, create and be part of inter-class competitions as part of their play.



### 2nd Hand Uniforms For Sale



We have a large number of 2nd hand fleeces of most sizes (6-12 especially) and a few polo shirts for sale at the office.

Fleeces cost \$25 (or less depending on condition) and polo shirts are \$15. All payments are passed on to our PTA.

### Pre-enrolment of new entrant children.

If you have children turning five in 2021 and have not yet filled in an enrolment form we would love to hear from you. The sooner we know who is coming the better prepared we can be.





## Gymnastics

We are very fortunate to be having lessons at the Christchurch School of Gymnastics. These lessons are free for all of our students. Students have been learning skills on the beam, ropes, rings, trampoline, and floor mats. Thanks to all the parents who are coming along to support and to help with walking the students to and from QE2 park safely.







## Earthquake

If we have an earthquake children will be kept safely at school until parents or other emergency contacts are able to get to school. We will attempt to communicate with parents via the Hero app or text messaging if this is possible.

## Tsunami Evacuation Procedures

In the event of a tsunami warning the following procedures will be followed.

If we receive warning that a tsunami is predicted and evacuation is advised:

- Parents will be informed that we have received an evacuation notification from Civil Defence. This information will be sent by text and notifications will also be posted on our school website, on Facebook, and via the Rāwhiti School Hero App.
- Teachers will be notified and classes will assemble on the netball courts. Teachers will have full class lists that include parent/caregiver details, and emergency contacts.
- Depending on the size of the shake will depend on whether we are required to evacuate to somewhere further away. **Civil Defence will let us know if we need to evacuate for a distant earthquake or we will follow the “Long, Strong, Get gone” message.**
- If we need to evacuate, once rolls have been checked classes will begin the walk to either Shirley Boys High School/Avonside Girls High School or Waitakiri School, 170 Burwood Road if we need to move further inland. **This is the destination advised by Civil Defence.**
- Teachers will maintain class lists of students collected by parents or nominated emergency contacts, including who students have gone home with and the time. Students may only be uplifted by a parent/caregiver, or one of the emergency contacts identified in our database.
- Special needs students who have been identified with mobility difficulties will be transported in the Rāwhiti School vans, driven by the Learning Support Coordinator or the Caretaker.
- The Principal or a Deputy Principal will follow up at the rear in a vehicle, with the daily roll, and first aid (including Epi Pens for students with life threatening allergies) and communication resources.

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Here is a map showing the evacuation zones in our area:



(Yellow = only evacuate if Civil Defence advises to do so)

If we receive notification during the school day of an event of distant origin e.g. earthquake in South America, with a warning time of 10 or more hours:

- Parents will be notified by email, website, Facebook, and Rāwhiti School Hero App so that they can make their own decision as to whether they uplift their child from school.
- We will remain open for the school day.
- We will track events as they develop throughout the day in order to make an informed decision about school closure.

### What can you do to help?

Update your contact details with the office:

- Update emergency contacts and their contact information
- Download the Hero app
- If there is a long or strong earthquake or tsunami warning understand that we will be moving to Avonside Girls/Shirley Boys High Schools or Waitakiri School if we need to move further inland.



## Whare Matauranga...Rāwhiti School Library Updates!

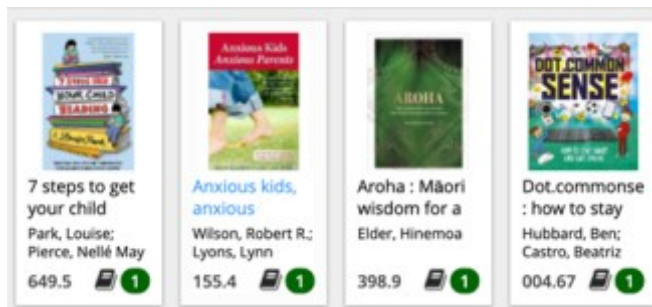
### Parent Library:

You can access our library catalogue (Web APP) at:

<http://library.rawhiti.school.nz>

Search '**Parent Library**'

All the books we have in our Parent Library will be displayed. If you want to read any of these books let Sue A know [suea@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:suea@rawhiti.school.nz) Sue will then issue the book and send it home with your child or pop into the library afterschool and have a wee browse.



### Wheelers ePlatform – eBooks!

If you have a child or children at Rāwhiti School information on how to login to <http://library.rawhiti.school.nz> and <https://rawhitischool.wheelers.co/> was sent home on a yellow/orange piece of paper.

If you have lost this information please email [suea@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:suea@rawhiti.school.nz)

Children can access 1 500 eBooks on our Wheelerls ePlatform. These books will display when searching for books on the Web OPAC or you can go to the direct link: <https://rawhitischool.wheelers.co/>



eBooks can be issued for two weeks and there is a limit of two eBooks per user. Students will need to use their library number and password to login to download eBooks.

If you have a device you can download the Wheelers ePlatform app!

Download ePlatform App - <https://goo.gl/SIC6ft>

Any questions please contact Elizabeth Kazmierczak

email [elizabeth@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:elizabeth@rawhiti.school.nz)

Download the ePlatform App



iOS devices



Android devices



Windows devices



## Whare Matauranga...Rāwhiti School Library Updates ... continued!

### Hell Pizza Challenge:

Rāwhiti School has registered to participate in the Hell Pizza Challenge. Once our wheels arrive each child will be given a Pizza Wheel to bring home.

### The Rules:

Every child/student must read 7 books to fill up their pizza wheel so that they are able to receive their free 333 kids' pizza from their local HELL store.

There is no limit on the number of pizza wheels a student can fill up, provided the wheels are stamped and authenticated by a school teacher or librarian. But only one pizza wheel can be redeemed per child per visit.

The child/student must redeem their pizza wheels IN PERSON and before the expiry date, which is Monday 31 January 2022.

Each wheel will feature detailed rules and regulations, as well as a serial number that will be traced back to your school/library. We do this to ensure a high standard of conduct. It's our honour code!

[www.nzbookawards.nz/hell-reading-challenge/](http://www.nzbookawards.nz/hell-reading-challenge/)

[www.facebook.com/HELLReadingChallenge/](https://www.facebook.com/HELLReadingChallenge/)





## School Lunches Re-Vamped Menu For Rest of Term 1

Day 1,  
the start  
of the 10  
day cycle  
menu

DAY 1 - MONDAY

DAY 2 - TUESDAY

DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY

DAY 4 - THURSDAY

DAY 5 - FRIDAY

| STANDARD MAIN   | Ham, Edam Cheese & Baby Spinach Wholemeal Croissant        | Roast Chicken, Iceberg, Carrot & Garlic Yoghurt Roll                  | Roast Beef, Tomato Chutney & Salad Greens Sandwich  | Chicken & Salad Sandwich                       | Roast Chicken & Vege Penne with Sundried Tomato            |
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| VEGETARIAN MAIN | Edam Cheese, Tomato & Baby Spinach Wholemeal Croissant     | Falafel, Vegan Mayo, Iceberg & Carrot Roll                            | Edam Cheese, Tomato Chutney & Salad Greens Sandwich | Hummus & Red Pepper Sandwich with Salad Greens | Roast Vege Penne with Sundried Tomato Salad                |
| ACCOMPANIED BY  | Bbq Corn Snacks, Apple or Orange, Coleslaw with Vegan Mayo | Veg Sticks & Hummus, Apple or Orange, Cherry Tomato & Cucumber Chunks | Banana & Bran Muffin, Apple or Orange               | Anzac Cookies, Apple or Orange, Potato Salad   | Fresh n Fruity Berry / Strawberry yoghurt, Apple or Orange |



DAY 6 - MONDAY

DAY 7 - TUESDAY

DAY 8 - WEDNESDAY

DAY 9 - THURSDAY

DAY 10 - FRIDAY

Day 10,  
the end  
of the 10  
day cycle  
menu

| STANDARD MAIN   | Ham & Cheese Pizza  | Roast chicken, icebeg & Ranch Wrap                       | Egg Mayo Sandwich with Salad Greens                   | Chicken, Aoli & Carrot Sandwich           | Curry Chicken Wrap with Carrot & Salad                     |
|-----------------|---|--|---|---|--|
| VEGETARIAN MAIN | Vege Bites, Smokey Mayo, Beetroot & Pumpkin Seeds                     | Mexican Bean Patties, Tomato Salsa, Iceberg Roll         | Cheese & Spring Onion Mayo Sandwich with Salad Greens | Mixed Vegetable & Smashed / Chickpea Wrap | Roast Kumara, Pasta & Broccoli Salad with Aoli Dressing    |
| ACCOMPANIED BY  | BBQ Chickpea Snacks, Apple or Orange, Cherry Tomato & Cucumber Chunks | Anzac Cookies, Apple or Orange, Coleslaw with Vegan Mayo | Veg Sticks & Hummus, Apple or Orange, Potato Salad    | Blueberry Muffin, Apple or Orange         | Fresh n Fruity Strawberry / Berry Yoghurt, Apple or orange |



This 10 day cycle menu is served over a 2 week period Monday-Friday. After the 10 day cycle is complete, the cycle starts again on the Day 1 / Monday menu.



**Sunshine Online—** [www.sunshineonline.co.nz](http://www.sunshineonline.co.nz)

Sunshine Online is a print and online literacy and early numeracy programme. It has been designed to help children aged 4-10+ learn to read and develop the skills needed for continuing reading independence and success. The website also uses maths stories to develop skills and understandings in early numeracy. This is free for students and families to use at home, thanks to a grant from the Pye Foundation. Username: rawhiti Password: east1

**Home Learning**

Home learning is an extension of the school programme and supports, enhances, and consolidates teaching and learning. It provides a positive link between home and school.

**Teachers:**

- outline expectations, routines, and suggested time requirements for home learning to students and parents at the start of the year
- set home learning that reflects students' individual needs and changing ages and stages, and reinforces teaching and learning
- set home learning that incorporates the vision, values, key competencies, essential learning areas and principles as expressed in The New Zealand Curriculum or Te Marautanga o Aotearoa
- ensure students understand their home learning tasks and can work independently, where possible communicate home learning concerns to parents.

**Students:**

- are responsible for their own home learning
- understand their home learning tasks and work as independently as possible.

**Parents:**

- encourage and support their children
  - provide feedback to the child and the teacher
- communicate with the teacher if their child is unable to complete the home learning, or if family or other circumstances take priority.

**Instructions for reviewers**

If you would like to provide feedback on the home learning policy log in to [School Docs](#) and click on the green "Current Review" tab at the top of the page. Follow the instructions below.

1. Read the policy.
2. Click the red Policy Review icon at the right-hand top corner of the page. A new screen will appear.
3. Select your role (board member, staff member, or parent/caregiver) from the drop-down list.
4. Enter your name (optional).

Submit your ratings and comments.



## 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.)

Audition Call

# The Little Mermaid

Directed by Kerri-Anne Barnes.  
Adapted by Josh Cairns.

Saturday 17th April  
Audition times are available from 9am

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**Rehearsals:**  
Friday 5pm - 6.45pm  
Sunday 1pm - 4.45pm

**Performance dates:**  
Sunday 18th July - Saturday  
24th July

**Requirements:**  
All those auditioning need to  
sing a verse or chorus of a song  
from the movie The Little  
Mermaid and they will be asked  
to read parts from the script.



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**SUNDAY 21 MARCH 4-7PM**

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**SUNDAY 28TH MARCH**



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RISINGHOLME ORCHESTRA PRESENTS

#1 New York Times Bestselling Author of *The Girl on the Train*  
**DAN BROWN**  
**WILD SYMPHONY**



Philip Norman conducts this NZ premiere which features 21 musical portraits drawn from the animal kingdom

11 APRIL 2021 2PM AND 4PM

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**TODDLER THURSDAY**

25th March  
 10AM to 3PM



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**FERRYMEAD**  
 Heritage park

Pony Rides Train Rides Face Painting  
 Ice Cream Bouncy Castles Tram Rides

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**FAMILY DAY OUT**

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April 10th and 11th Saturday & Sunday  
 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 221 Gloucester Street



Event Hire Fletcher Living Otākaro Christchurch