



Newsletter #3 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 5 March 2021

E ara ake ana i te ūruhi
Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Deputy Principals

Kia ora koutou, At the Board of Trustees meeting this week there was an election for a new Chair. We would like to congratulate Cheryl Lineham to the position of Presiding Member (Board Chair) of our Board of Trustees and thank her for being willing to take on this important role. Huge thanks to Vanessa Manning for her service as Board Chair for nearly 2 years. We are grateful for the leadership of our Board and the incredible support that they give behind the scenes. For more information see the [Board of Trustees page](#) on our website.

We love celebrating the creativity of our students. Here we showcase two exceptional artworks collaboratively created by teams of Rāwhiti pupils.

In 2020 a group of students from Papatūānuku chose to try their hand at doing a giant mosaic as part of their inquiry into the Arts. They helped to design a mural to represent our school and to feature key elements from our school's cultural narrative. They then cut and glued the tiles into place on mesh.

We are so proud of the fantastic job the students did. They really showed their RISE values of Resilience (sometimes things took a lot longer than expected and didn't go exactly as planned), Integrity (working together to finish this spectacular work of art), and Success - well, just look at it!!

Thanks to a charitable work by Coby (an ex-student from Central New Brighton) and Phil from **Architectural Tiling Ltd**, it is now up and on display on the side of the shed facing Rongo-mā-tāne and Papatūānuku and it looks amazing!



**Mark Your
Calendar**

MARCH

- 10th PTA Meeting
- 12th Whole School Assembly
(If at Alert Level 1)
- 17th Eastern Zones Swimming
- 22-24 Y5 Camp, Waipara
- 24-26 Y6 Camp, Waipara
- 26th Scholastic Book Club Closes
- 31st Mufti Day—Gold coin donation

APRIL

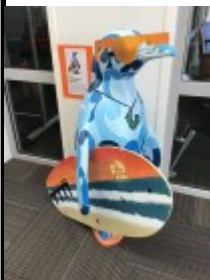
- 2-6 SCHOOL CLOSED—Good Friday to Easter Tuesday
- 8th Canterbury Zones Swimming
- 8th Board of Trustees Meeting
- 16th Whole School Assembly
- 16th Last Day of Term 1



From The Deputy Principals continued ...

We invite you to take some time to come over and have a look at the beautiful mosaic. See if you can find some of the flora and fauna that once flourished in our coastal location.

A massive thank you again to Coby and Phil for kindly installing and grouting the mosaic for us. They did a brilliant job!



Our penguin 'Follow me to the Sea' has now made his way back home! The group of 2020 Y7/8 students wanted the design to reflect our community and our strong tie to the beach. The design incorporates koru shapes representing waves and Tangaroa, kaitiaki of the oceans. We had lots of positive responses from people all over Christchurch when they visited him on display at the New Brighton Library as part of the Pop Up Penguin trail over the summer break. We are proud to have been a part of this project, which raised over \$1 million dollars from the auction of the large penguins with funds going to support Cholmondeley Children's Home.

Plans are underway for an art exhibition later this term. Students across our school have been busy creating artworks, writing and digital learning objects that reflect their identity, culture and whānau, and what makes them who they are. These artworks are as varied as the students we have at Rāwhiti, and we love being able to celebrate the diversity within our school. We will have more information to share about the exhibition closer to the time.

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation with Level 2 restrictions. Our responsibility is to contact trace everyone who comes in to school. If you need to come in the gate we ask that you scan the code on the front fence or come in to the office and sign in. Parents are asked to please not go in to the classrooms while we are at Level 2.

Helen Parata & Paul Wilkinson
Acting Principals

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

Aria I, Isabel x4, Lucas, Mahalia,
Nishil, Noah W, Pania, Rylan x7,
Tilda

**Whole School Assembly**

Unfortunately this will not take place next week unless we are in Covid Level 1.

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.



Year 4-8 Swimming Sports

We held our annual swimming sports on Wednesday. Unfortunately due to Level 2 restrictions we were unable to have parent spectators. It was great to see the progress students have made over the term, and those students having a go at the one and two length events. Results will determine who goes through to the Eastern zones representing Rāwhiti.

Walk Or Wheel To School Day

Well done to all our students and their families who made the extra effort to walk, scooter or bike to school. There are many benefits of active travel to school including getting children active and helping with the traffic congestion around the gate in the morning and at the end of the day. Why not consider active travel to school more often.



Fizzy drinks, chewing gum, sweets

We have a number of students who have been visiting the dairy or taking a detour on the way to school. Please remind your child that these items are not allowed at school (see prohibited items on our school website A-Z). These will be taken off students.



Junior Tryathlon

Last Friday our Year 1-3 students all participated in their very successful triathlon. It was great to see so many parents and whānau running alongside and cheering our students on.



Success @ Rawhiti

After the announcement of Level 2 restrictions, a group of school families got together to run their own version of the Weetbix Kiwi Kids Triathlon - New Brighton style!



PTA Tree Planting Gift

Our PTA have kindly made a donation to have some native trees planted on our behalf through the "Trees That Count" initiative. Their goal is to get as many natives trees planted around New Zealand as possible. We have just been advised that there will be 7 native trees planted on our behalf at the Wrights Road Restoration Project. Here is a link to where our trees will be:

<https://grow.treesthatcount.co.nz/profile/simonwright#funding>



Canterbury Earthquake Appeals Trust (CEAT) feedback

This group will be talking to some of our students about their thoughts and priorities for the Greater Brighton area, but they are also keen to hear from whanau. If you are interested in providing some ideas, see the information below:

In late 2019 Christchurch Earthquake Appeals Trust (CEAT) agreed to fund up to \$2M in the Brighton area for community development projects that will improve social and/or economic outcomes for the community. In line with this it would be up to the Greater Brighton community to decide upon the priorities for this funding and signify potential projects.

The Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) initiated community engagement meetings for this work in Nov 2019 and also commissioned an analysis of post-earthquake community consultations. DIA shared this review at a community meeting in Sept 2020.

In Sept 2020 CEAT asked Renew Brighton to take over responsibility for the community engagement with the aim of starting the process towards identifying a vision and community priorities and the establishment of a community leadership group to take this initial vision etc forward.

This process was started because CEAT would like to ensure that the communities of Greater Brighton have a say in how this funding is utilised and to have a role in the decision-making process. With this in mind, we would be very interested in hearing your views and opinions on how this funding could be spent. If you are interested in sharing your opinion below are a few short questions which we would be very keen to hear your answers to.

- *What priorities would you see as being most prominent and which this funding could be used to address?*
- *What is your vision for Brighton?*
- *What structure would you suggest could be utilised for the distribution, coordination and monitoring of this funding? For example, the creation of a leadership or kaitiaki group and what the make-up and nature of this could be?*

It would be much appreciated if you could please send your response to: renewcommdev@gmail.com



Maea C & Charlotte J - Our Cancer Fundraiser

WHY I'M SHAVING

Hi My name is Charlotte. I am a year 7 student at Rawhiti School. I have decided to do this crazy thing for an amazing cause and shave off my hair to raise money for the Leukaemia and Blood Cancer Foundation. I know a family that is affected and I would like to help in some way. My aim is to raise \$750 by the end of March. I plan on shaving my hair on the 31st March at school if I can reach my target. I would love your support.

WHY I'M SHAVING

Hi! My name is Maea and I am 10 years old. I am a year 7 student at Rawhiti School. I've decided to do this crazy thing for an amazing cause and shave my hair off to raise money for the Leukaemia and Blood Cancer Foundation. At the start of 2020 my amazing Dad was diagnosed with Myeloma and since then it has been really hard for our family. I love my Dad so much! So I plan on shaving my hair with my awesome friend Charlotte on 31st March at school. I would love your support.

We want to help find more effective treatments to save lives and make sure people with cancer get the support they need to get through. Did you know that seven people will discover they have blood cancer today? That's a scary statistic.

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

Link to support Charlotte & Maea

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

Thank you!

Charlotte & Maea

Rawhiti School will also be holding a mufti day on Wednesday 31st March. Gold coin donations will support Maea and Charlotte's fundraising efforts, with all funds going to Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand.

PTA Meet & Greet - Wed 10 March, 7.30pm

Kia ora Rāwhiti whanau, Nau mai, haere mai ki te 2021 i Rāwhiti kura. Ever wondered about how to get more involved in activities that benefit our children at Rāwhiti? You can join the small, committed team of PTA members, to help raise some extra funds for the school and have fun doing so!

We are hosting a meet and greet on **Wednesday 10th March at 7.30pm in the staffroom**, with drinks and nibbles. We welcome any parents and caregivers who want to be on the PTA or just check out what we are up to.

We've raised a lot of money in the past few years, and we're very proud of this. It's been achieved through working as a team and having an awesome school community that supports our efforts. Some of our fundraising didn't happen last year due to COVID, but we're gearing up for some great activities this year, including at least one quiz/bingo event to give our hardworking parents a night out! Please feel free to come down and say hi on the 10th – we don't bite usually; we'd love to see you there.

Emergency Preparedness



Over the next few newsletters we will be highlighting some of the different types of emergencies we might experience at school and information for families about how we will handle the emergency and how families can help. If you are interested in our emergency policies and procedures they are available to view on our [school docs website](#) (User: Rawhiti - Password: east). We also have information on our school website under the [general information/emergencies tab](#)

The most critical thing that you can do is ensure that the office has up to date contact information for you and for any emergency contacts. In the event of an emergency that requires us to close the school during the day we will only let children leave with people who are listed in our database as a contact.

In any emergency we will attempt to communicate with families as quickly as we can with as much accurate information as we are able to share. To help with this we urge you to download the Hero app to your smart phone and log in with the email address that you have given to the office as your contact email. We will also attempt to put messages on facebook as we are able. Be aware that in an emergency we may not have staff available to answer the phone.

“Shelter in Place” and Lockdown

If a hazardous situation arises we may be required to have children shelter in their classrooms and not leave the building until an all clear is given. This could be something happening in the local or wider community, as was the case on March 15th 2020, or it could be something on our school site like a dangerous dog running loose. This sort of situation is known as “shelter in place” and means that children need to remain inside but would carry on with classroom activities as much as practical. We are fortunate at Rāwhiti that we have toilet and kitchen facilities in each classroom and food available if a “shelter in place” situation extends beyond the normal school hours. Lockdown is similar but has the added dimension of there being a more immediate threat of harm to children and staff within their classrooms. In this situation we would move children away from windows and lock doors. All our staff are trained in first aid and are dedicated to the physical and emotional care of your children. We will look after them.

What can you do to help?

- Update your contact details
- Update emergency contacts and their contact information
- Download the Hero app

If you hear that school is in “shelter in place” or lockdown please do not come to school until an all clear is given by school. Having families lined up at the office or outside classrooms adds a level of unnecessary stress and risk to staff who are dealing with an already stressful situation.

Taupuni Hangarua

(Recycling Centre)

Rawhiti School office collection area for :
BREAD TAGS, ALUMINIUM CAN TABS, WINE BOTTLE CAPS
AND ALL #2 HDPE PLASTIC TOPS.



ALL Lids & Caps to please be rinsed and dried before donating



Please no plastic caps larger than a Marmite jar

This is a collection point to support:



If you come across any of the collectable items
please pop them aside and bring them in.

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

This initiative is overseen by the Rawhiti School PTA.
pta@rawhiti.school.nz

Canterbury
District Health Board
Te Pōari Hauora o Waitaha

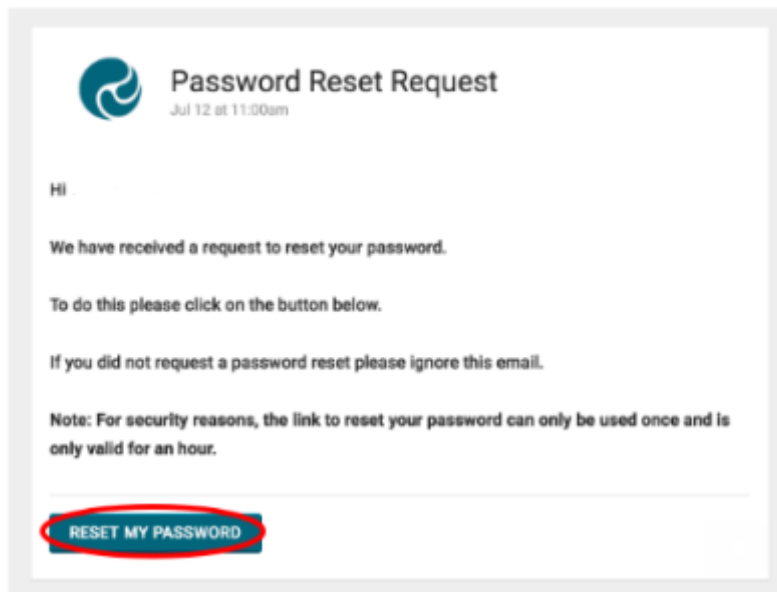
COMMUNITY
dental service

Free Dental Care for Children -
including special information regarding Year 8 students

One of our Community Dental Service preventive mobiles will be making a short visit to your school soon.

- **Only the children who currently require a check-up will be seen at this visit.**
Please do not be concerned if your child is not called for a check-up this time.
- **Year 8 students:** all year 8 students enrolled with the Community Dental Service are transferred from the Community Dental Service to a FREE private dentist from year 9 until their 18th birthday. To help with this transition please ensure you have informed your child of their family dentist (not orthodontist). This will enable us to transfer your child onto the correct dentist for year 9 onwards. More information will be sent home after their year 8 check-up.
- The dental therapist will not only be checking the children's teeth but will also X-ray, clean, and apply protective treatments fluoride and or Fissure sealants (coating put on teeth to prevent decay) if required
- If your child requires further dental care such as fillings they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care and appointment times are required.
- When you receive the 'Care Plan' please contact our **Call Centre as soon as possible** as you will need to arrange a time to bring your child to one of our Community Clinics for this dental care.
- Please contact our Call Centre if you want further information on the Community Dental Service, to enrol your child or if you have any specific questions about your child's dental care (a dental therapist will call you back)

To contact our Call Centre: phone 0800 846 983 / email comm dental@cdhb.health.nz

6. Open the email and click **RESET MY PASSWORD**7. Enter a secure password (8 or more characters), verify this password then click **SET PASSWORD**A screenshot of a web form titled 'Reset Password'. Below the title is the instruction 'Set your Hero Account password.' There are two input fields: 'New Password' and 'Verify New Password', both containing masked text (dots) and a password strength indicator icon. At the bottom of the form, there is a blue button with the text 'SET PASSWORD' circled in red, and a blue link labeled 'BACK' below it.8. You will receive a confirmation message. Click **SIGN IN**A screenshot of a web page titled 'Reset Password'. It features a large blue button with a checkmark icon and the text 'Success! Sign in below with your new password.' Below this button, there is a blue button with the text 'SIGN IN' circled in red, and a blue link labeled 'BACK' below it.

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.

10. Click **SIGN IN**

Email

myheroparent@gmail.com



Password

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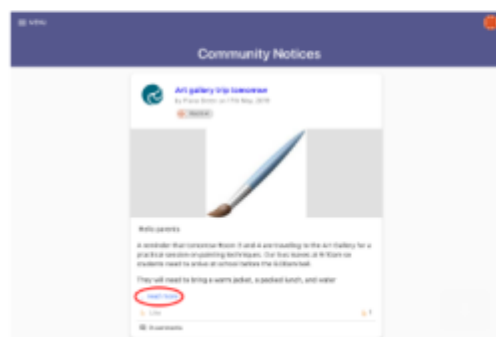
**SIGN IN**

FORGOT PASSWORD

NEW USER

☒ This is a public device**ONCE YOU HAVE SIGNED IN:**

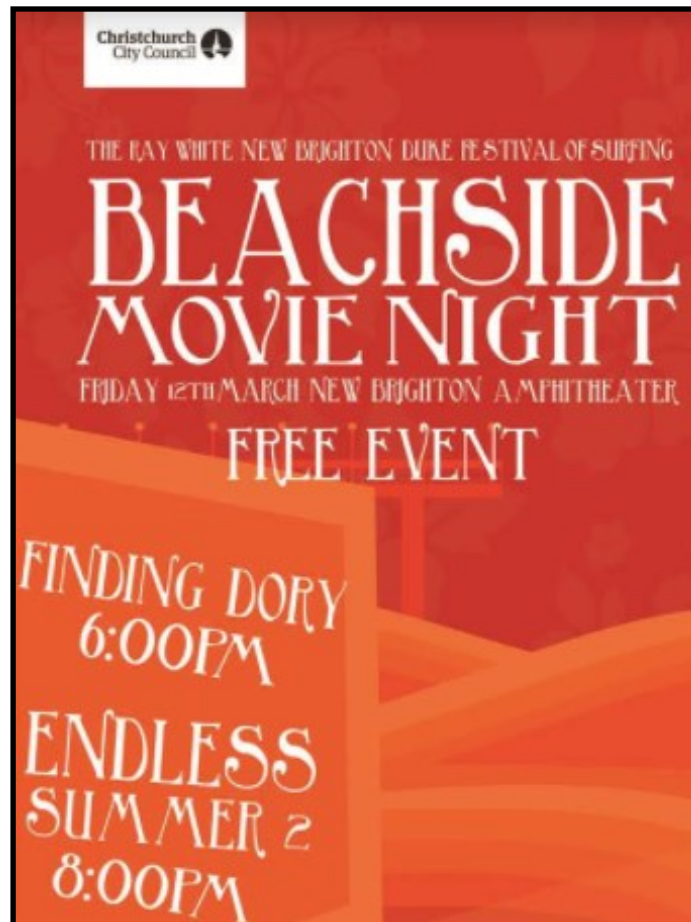
1. You will see Community notices sent by your child's school. If the text is long, you may need to click **read more** to view the whole message

**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.

Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hāpori

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<p>Mega Mates Social Skills Programme is coming to Christchurch!!!</p> <p>For 5 to 7 year olds</p> <p>April School Holidays 2021</p> <p>3 mornings 9am to 12 midday</p> <p>Limited numbers for a small focused group</p> <p>Led by an experienced Speech Language Therapist - Ellie Bloxham</p> <p>\$60 + GST per child, per day - early bird special - book before 19th March to get a 10% discount</p> <p>Don't miss out! Book now by calling 027 777 4688 or email us at admin@shout-speech.co.nz</p> <p>An opportunity to build real social skills in a fun and relaxed group WWW.SHOUT-SPEECH.CO.NZ</p>		<p>Reading the Social Scene Wednesday 28th April</p> <p>Understanding and interpreting body language and facial features</p>
<p>Conversation Skills Thursday 29th April</p> <p>Starting and maintaining a conversation</p>		
<p>Learning about emotions Friday 30th April</p> <p>Identifying and labeling emotions</p>		

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FUN DAY OF YOGA For KIDS



YOGA, CRAFTS, GAMES, MINDFULNESS AND LOADS OF FUN IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Fun filled day exploring yoga and mindfulness, making crafts, playing yoga games, also free supervised activity time.

When: Monday 19th April 8.30am-3pm.

Where: All Saints Church Hall, 305 New Brighton Road, Burwood. Plenty of parking.

Contribution: \$45 per child (incl craft materials) discount available if more than one sibling.

Age group: 6-11 years.

Who: Chrissie McNeill, Trained Kids Yoga Teacher, also Registered Nurse working with children & their whanau.

What to bring: Please provide your child's snacks and lunch, if they have their own yoga mat & drink bottle that would be great too.

Visit my FB page <https://www.facebook.com/YogiExplorerz>

To register please email me: yogiexplorerz@yahoo.com or via messenger

Please feel free to phone me on 021904989, evening is normally the best time.

Know Your Body

Nutrition, Lifestyle, and Pilates through your monthly menstrual cycle
reflexionzwellbeing.co.nz yourspacepilates.co.nz

Join Mary and Karen for this 3-hour workshop.
 You will gain knowledge, skills & ideas on nutrition, lifestyle & Pilates to support you through each stage of your monthly cycle.

Saturday 20th March 2 pm-5 pm

The Mary Potter Centre
 442 Durham St Nth
 St Albans

\$75.00 per person or \$120 for a Mother & Daughter duo

Contact Mary
yourspacepilates@gmail.com
 or Karen
reflexionzwellbeing@gmail.com
 to book your space