



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

E ara ake ana i te ūruhi
Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Deputy Principals

Kia ora koutou, can you believe how quickly the term is racing by?! A reminder that school is closed Good Friday, Easter Monday **and Tuesday**. We will see everyone back on Wednesday for the last 2 weeks of Term 1.

Studios are working towards our art exhibition where they will be able to share their learning from across the term. Please make sure to mark Tuesday 13th April in your calendar. The 'Many faces of Rāwhiti' exhibition will be set up in the Hall and open for viewing from 9am until 7pm.

This week we welcome a new staff member Talei Stuart-Eason into the Rongo-mā-tāne team. When the time is right Talei will transition to Papatūānuku studio with the Year 2 students moving through.

We also welcome Briana, a University of Canterbury student teacher, for her 7 week placement in Rongo-mā-tāne.

"Kāore te kumara e kōrero mō tōna ake reka"
The kumara does not boast about how sweet it is

On Tuesday we were witness to a fine example of this whakatauki and of our Rāwhiti School RISE values in action. We are so incredibly proud of what Charlotte, Maea and Jazmin have chosen to do and the courage they have shown. These girls have not only shown empathy for what a cancer patient may be experiencing, but have been willing to sacrifice their own hair to show their support for the cause. The \$1006 raised from our mufti day has been added to the other donations they have received.

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Mark Your Calendar

APRIL

- 2-6 SCHOOL CLOSED—Good Friday to Easter Tuesday
- 8th Canterbury Zones Swimming
- 8th Board of Trustees Meeting
- 13th "Many Faces of Rāwhiti" Art Show, 9am—7pm
- 13th New Entrants "Bring Tea" and mingle, 5pm—6pm
- 15th Junior Disco, 2pm—3pm
- 15th PTA Meeting
- 16th Whole School Assembly
- 16th Last Day of Term 1

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- 3rd Term 2 begins



From The Deputy Principals continued ...

The girls had set themselves a target of raising \$2500 but have far exceeded this, successfully raising over \$4500 for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer NZ.

Our Year 5 & 6 students had an amazing time out at the Waipara Adventure Centre. We spent time at each camp and were so proud of the way students handled the challenges that camp presented them with. (Photos and writing from students included in this newsletter further on.)

On Monday four of our studios had successful trips to town, spending the morning exploring different parts of the city linked with our concept of 'Belonging', meeting together in Victoria Square for lunch before watching the spectacular performance of Tūmahana at the Town Hall.

A huge thank you to the parent helpers who volunteered their time to help with the camps, the town trip and our gymnastics lessons over the last few weeks. We could not offer these sorts of opportunities without the support of parents who are able to take time away from work and family commitments.

Enjoy the long weekend.

Helen Parata & Paul Wilkinson
Acting Principals

**Success @ Rawhiti**

Congratulations to Courtney, a teacher in Papatūānuku, who placed first in the Women's 3000m race walk and first in the Women's 10,000m race walk at the NZ Track and Field Championships held in the weekend.



You are welcome to email us at success@rawhiti.school.nz with news of something your child has achieved outside of school, and we will celebrate this with our whole community by including it in our newsletter.

7th April: Info evening for future Rongo-mā-tāne whānau

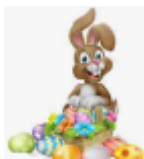
This term we will be having an info evening for new and prospective in-zone whānau on Wednesday 7th April at 6-6.45pm in Rongo-mā-tāne (first room at the west end).

Come and meet us and find out more about our class programme.

Please email: nicolec@rawhiti.school.nz to RSVP.

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**.

13th April: New Entrant Whānau Connection

Whānau of new entrant students in Rongo-mā-tāne and Ata Hapara are invited along to school on Tuesday 13th April from 5-6pm for a picnic/ 'fish and chip' meet up. This is an opportunity to connect with our staff and to meet other families who are new to school. Check your email for an invite from Nicole or Kylie.

Principals Awards *Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki*



Rongo-Ma-Tane

Ailla, Ashlea, Edie, Freida, Gabby x3, Isabelle P x3, Jamie, Jax, Leo x3, Logan R, Mahalia, Ted, Tilda, Travis, Zoe



Art exhibition - The Many Faces of Rāwhiti

Don't forget to mark your calendars to come to the Hall on Tuesday 13th April any time between 9am-7pm.



Tūmahana

We were fortunate to be given free tickets to the Tūmahana Show at the Town Hall this week and four studios were able to attend. There were 4000 students from schools across Canterbury at the two shows on Monday. Here are some of our children waiting for the Tūmahana show to start.

Tūmahana was a performance that weaves theatre, aerial and visual arts, acrobatics, Toi Māori and Tāonga Pūoro with orchestral music in collaboration with Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke, Christchurch Circus Collective and the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra.



Healthy Active Living whanau survey

Massey University are asking parents to complete a survey on physical activity and health for your child at school and at home.

The link below will take no more than 10 minutes and at the end you can go in the draw for a \$100 supermarket voucher. All answers are confidential.

https://massey.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e5SnfFUZmmyyFJb

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.**

**Junior Disco—15th April, 2pm—3pm**

There will be a disco for Years 1-3 students on Thursday 15th April from 2pm—3pm. Drinks, glow sticks and lollies can be pre-ordered and pre-paid and these order forms will come home next week. See poster later on in the newsletter.

**Kanorau Digital Course**

As part of our involvement in the Manaiakalani Outreach programme, we can offer the opportunity for parents/whānau to learn everyday digital skills through the Kanorau Digital course. The course is funded by Manaiakalani Education Trust and delivered nationwide by Te Wānanga o Aotearoa.

Kanorau Digital is a new short course designed to help individuals who find the digital world a bit (or a lot) challenging. During this digital skills course, they'll gain the skills to get online safely and the know-how to navigate websites and apps with more confidence.

Each course topic covers different learning areas and everyday digital skills.

- Topic 1: Introductions, emails, online calendars, sharing documents online and joining a group video call.
- Topic 2: Setting up online folders, using maps, saving files and photos.
- Topic 3: Using the internet to solve problems, searching online, finding useful websites.
- Topic 4: The different ways that 'life' can be done online. Being safe and keeping your important info secure when dealing with banking, shopping and other online business.

If you are interested in joining this course, please let the office know and we will be in touch once dates are confirmed.

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Maea, Charlotte & Jazmin's Cancer Fundraiser

Well done to our 3 brave girls, Maea, Charlotte and Jazmin, for shaving their heads to raise money for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer NZ. We also held a mufti day on Tuesday and even though their goal was to raise \$2,500, as the newsletter went to print they had raised \$4656.35! What an amazing effort girls.

It's not too late to donate. You can click on the link below to make a donation:

[Link to support Charlotte, Maea & Jazmin](https://shaveforacure.co.nz/t/rawhiti-school?fbclid=IwAR13wE5u66bKUFaMrxaG-jqFkxW0xwv7xAs6AOzUN185upIPGE7zRXjrrjXg)

or you can type this into your browser: <https://shaveforacure.co.nz/t/rawhiti-school?fbclid=IwAR13wE5u66bKUFaMrxaG-jqFkxW0xwv7xAs6AOzUN185upIPGE7zRXjrrjXg>



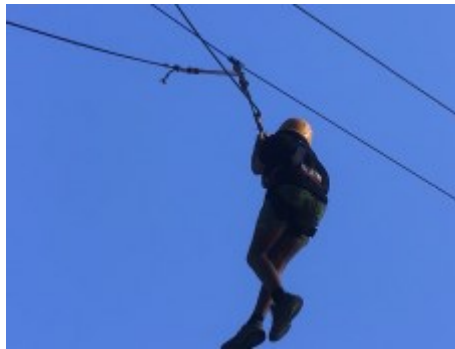
Camp Highlights—Written By The Students

BY BROOKE W

One of my most challenging moments at camp was going on the zipline/sky sailing. It was really high up and I have a big fear of heights so it was hard for me. But I faced my fears and went off the rock and flew across. It was so fun and I want to do it again.

While we waited for our turn or waited for other people to finish their turn, we walked around the bushes near us and climbed on the rock near the site. Then someone found an interesting caterpillar!

My funniest moment would be when we made rafts and set across the lake. Two of my group ended up falling off the raft but I didn't, So they planned to push me off. They wobbled the raft so I would fall off, I fell and it was freezing! We all started laughing and it was very fun.



BY ANIKA

The morning of the camp, I woke up and felt excited because this was my first camp! A new experience on camp was Archery. My most memorable moment was playing capture the flag. My most challenging time on camp was keeping my camera charged. My funniest moment was when we did the stories that we had 3 words that we had to add in the story our words were Sharon, canoe and fast. If I could have a go at something again I would try the sky sailing because I want to try and get a pine cone. Something I learned about myself was I am good at lots of things. My favourite meal was dinner with ham, potatoes and salad.

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Camp Highlights continued ...

BY LACHLAN

A new experience on camp was kayaking. I learnt how to use the kayaks in rivers and walk along them. My most memorable moment was when I fell off the kayak it was really cold. My most challenging time in camp was sky sailing. I was kind of scared of heights. Something I learned about myself was that I don't snore. My favourite meal was the Pasta bake because it tasted yummy.



ARIA S

A new experience in camp was Archery because I've never shot a bow and arrow before. My most memorable moment was sky sailing because it was so fun because when you jump off the cliff it's like your flying. My most challenging time in camp was the Sky Sailing because I'm afraid of heights and I have never jumped off a cliff before and I did it. My funniest moment was when I was going down the water slide. I rolled over when I got to the puddle at the bottom. If I could have a go at something again I would try sky sailing... because when you go down you go fast or slow and I went slow so I would like to try fast. Something I learned about myself was that I can shoot an air rifle.

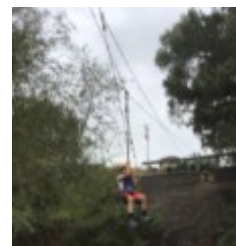
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If I could have a go at something again I would have a go at sky sailing because it looked fun and I went up and looked but didn't go on it. Something I learned about myself was I can be a good leader. Something I learned about someone else was the Year 5s are really funny and fun to be with. My favourite meal was the pasta bake because it tasted yummy.



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We started walking to the sky sailing at 12:00pm sharp. I was feeling nervous and I felt I had some joy too. We learnt about the safety we need to know before we have a lot of fun. I was so frightened. I thought horrible things when I was going to jump but you can't fall. It holds up to 2000kg.





Junior Neon Themed Disco
Thursday 15th April, 2pm—3pm
For Years 1-3

This disco will be fundraising for the Formal for the Y8s

Orders for food and drinks in by 3pm on Wednesday 14th April

Entry is by Gold coin donation

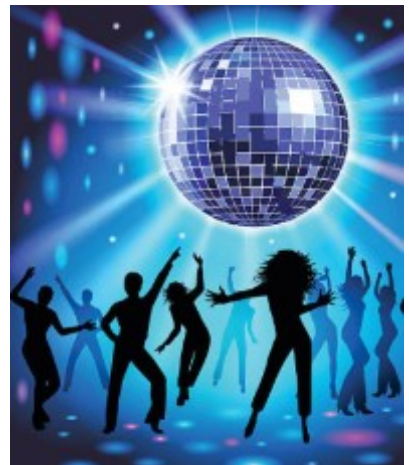
Payments to the office by Wednesday 14th of April please

Pre orders only

You can order....

- \$1 Lolly bags
- \$1 juice boxes - blackcurrant and/or orange & mango
- 50c for x2 glow sticks.

**Order slips will handed out to
students on
Wednesday 7th April**



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2021 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

DIGITAL GAME DESIGN FOR STUDENTS

A skills based holiday workshop to teach ākonga about telling stories through digital game design.

6 Holiday workshops during 2021

20 April, Aranui Library	12 October, Rangiora
21 April, Timaru	13 July, Rangiora
14 July, Linwood Library	13 Oct, Te Hapua, Halswell

Book your place at
www.rubberduckawards.co.nz
 Contact admin@impacted.co.nz for more details

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Avon/St. Michael's Junior Hockey Club



Avon/St. Michael's Junior Hockey Club is based on the east side Christchurch; we draw and welcome players from all over the city. We offer hockey to all Primary school ages (Year 1-8)

Please feel free to come along to our pre-season practices and games. Dates and times as follows:
 Pre-season practices and trials are at Shirley Boys/Avonside Girls Hockey turf, 209 Travis Road.

Year 7-8 Players: 27 March, 10 & 17 April 12-1pm
 Year 5-6 Players: 27 March, 10 & 17 April 11am - 12 noon
 Year 3-4 Players: 27 March, 10 & 17 April 11am - 12 noon
 Year 1-2 Players: We offer a 12 week "fun sticks" course for these players, starting 6 May at 3:30-4:30pm.

If you would like any further information about our hockey courses or teams, please do not hesitate to contact:
 Michael Graveston, Junior Coordinator
 Email: juniors@avonhockey.co.nz

Check out our Facebook page:
AvonSt.MichaelsHockey



Scan the QR code to see us online

Register with us using the QR code



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Does Your Child Like Playing & Learning with Lego?

Imagination Station is a LEGO based play and education charity in Christchurch and this holidays we are running some LEGO based activities at New Brighton Library.

On Friday 23rd April we will be running a class on remote controlled race cars, an introduction to robotics with LEGO WeDo2.0 and exciting battlebots classes with LEGO SPIKE Prime robotics. If you're interested, find more information and reserve your space at www.imagination-station.org.nz or give us a call on 027 438 2106.

Next term Imagination Station will run an after school LEGO class at the New Brighton Library with all our LEGO robotics, mechanics and movie making fun! In Term 2 our New Brighton classes will be held every week on Wednesday from 3.30pm to 5.30pm, with a cost of \$15 per session. For more information go to at www.imagination-station.org.nz or give us a call on 027 438 2106.



DRAMA CLASSES – The Canvas Bag Drama School South Brighton is now taking enrolments for term 2, 2021. **We now have a third class option available for older students.** Ask about a free trial class. Spaces available in the 5 to 8 year old group, 9 to 10 year old group, and now we have an 11 year old to teen group 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 10 year olds 4.30

11 year olds to teen 5.30

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



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April School Holidays 2021

SOUTH NEW BRIGHTON

Based at South New Brighton School, 160 Estuary Road

8:00am - 3:00pm - \$38.00
*Trip & Activity Fee's extra as advertised.

8:00am - 6:00pm - \$49.00
*See Terms & Conditions for bookings.

WHAT'S ON?

Monday 19th	Tuesday 20th	Wednesday 21st	Thursday 22nd	Friday 23rd
				
Wheels Day Bikes, scooter or skateboards what is your choice of wheels?	Groynes & Boats We are off to the Groynes to enjoy some boating fun. Trip Fee \$15	Mythical Creature There are lots of mythical creatures. Join us to find them.	Shirley Tennis Tennis lesson with a professional coach. Activity Fee \$10	Tom & Jerry Tom & Jerry, cat or mouse. Who will you help?
Monday 26th	Tuesday 27th	Wednesday 28th	Thursday 29th	Friday 30th
				
ANZAC Day We are closed for ANZAC day observed.	Space Invasion Aliens have set their path to earth. Help us create a spaceship.	Goodie Box Create your own goodie box & fill it with homemade surprises.	Antarctic Centre We're off to explore life down south. Trip Fee \$15	CASPA Party Join us for a party that will blow your senses!

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Event Hire and Placemaking At One Central Present

FAMILY DAY OUT

Buy your ticket online at Eventbrite now! Limited door sales available

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



Event Hire | Fletcher Living | Otākaro | Christchurch

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