



## Newsletter #6 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 14 May 2021

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

### *From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki*

**Kia ora koutou**—Welcome to Term 2. I hope you managed to enjoy some of the glorious autumn weather with your children during the holidays.



I am really enjoying being back at school after my sabbatical break and have loved spending time in some of the Learning Studios over the last two weeks. The children in Papatūānuku were confidently choosing their own learning activities for the session and the ukulele group were proving to be quick learners. During literacy time in Tāne Mahuta I was really impressed with the variety of strategies children were using to work through the various tasks and the obvious sense of purpose. Junior Choir is new this year and is very popular, with over 90 Y1-3 children involved. During my first visit they were all focussed on their vocal exercises under the expert tuition of Issie, from Papatūānuku.

The purpose of principal sabbatical is to provide a term's leave for school leaders to undertake professional learning, reflection and rejuvenation. There is a requirement to publish the findings of this study and make it available for other school leaders within New Zealand. The research topic for my sabbatical centred on examining the complex issues arising from the process of merging three schools into one in post-earthquake Christchurch and identifying successful change management strategies to support such a process. It is important that our schools unique story not be forgotten, that the hard work of everyone involved is acknowledged, and that others might learn from our experience.

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### Mark Your Calendar

#### MAY

- 21st Pink Shirt Mufti Day
- 21st Healthy Active Living Day
- 26th Out Of Zone Ballot Closes For Term 4 Enrolments
- 27th Board of Trustees Meeting
- 28th Scholastic Book Club Closes

#### JUNE

- 2nd Eastern Zone Cross Country
- 4th SCHOOL CLOSED—Teacher Only Day
- 7th SCHOOL CLOSED—Queen's Birthday Weekend
- 8-10 Learning Conversations (booking info to come )
- 11th Whole School Assembly
- 15-17 Learning Conversations (booking info to come)
- 23rd Canterbury Cross Country
- 23rd Dancing with the Stars, 6pm

#### JULY

- 8th Learning Celebrations
- 9th Whole School Assembly
- 9th Last Day of Term 2



***From The Principal continued ...***

Apart from a new hip and a few other minor ailments, this is the first time that I've had a break from teaching in my 35 years in the profession, including more than 12 years as a principal. The last six years in particular have involved a number of challenges, such as our school merger, and though I love my job, I can honestly say that I was ready for a break from the alarm going off at 5am each morning!

I am extremely grateful for the leadership that Paul and Helen provided last term in my absence.

Congratulations to Brogan O'Neil (Papatūānuku) and her husband, Kris, who are expecting an addition to their family later in the year. We hear that Darcy is very excited about being a big brother. Brogan will be starting her maternity leave some time in Term 3, and we are currently working on a plan for her replacement.

In this newsletter we have included a list of important events and dates for this term, and they are also on the website calendar. We have an exciting and very busy term ahead. Please note that school will be closed on Friday June 4<sup>th</sup> for our cluster Teacher Only Day.

**Liz Weir**  
**Principal**

### ***Principals Awards*** ***Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki***

**Rongo-Ma-Tane**

Aria B, Ashleigh, Blake x2, Brooke, Freida, Gabby, Inka x3, Isabel x4, Jamie, Jax, Leo, Lulu, Mahalia x4, Mattis x2, Nishil, Nova x3, Ted, Zoe

**Out Of Zone Enrolments**

A reminder that if you live out of zone, or know someone that does, and intend on enrolling a child, the Out of Zone ballot for starting in Term 3 closes on Wednesday 26th May at 4pm.

Even if you currently have a child that lives out of zone and have a sibling that is enrolling, you will still need to complete an Out of zone enrolment form during the correct ballot time.

**Pink Shirt Day—Fri 21st May**

Mufti day - wear pink- to spread aroha and kindness and to be a part of the movement to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora - Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

It is a gold coin donation with funds going to the Mental Health Foundation.

**Please Name All Uniform**

PLEASE name your child's polo shirts and fleeces. We have a number of uniform items picked up each day and often they are not named. We can only get them back to you if they are named.



If you buy it 2nd hand, please cross out all old names to ensure we get it back to the right child.

## Shirley Boys High Enrolments for 2022

Click below to see important dates if you are intending on enrolling your son at Shirley Boys High School in 2022:

<https://hail.to/shirley-boys-high-school/article/Daw5fEx>



## Avonside Girls High School Open Night



AGHS will be holding their open night on Tuesday 1st June from 5pm—7pm. See flyer later in the newsletter for more details.

## Teacher Only Day—Friday 4th June

Another reminder that there will be a Teacher Only Day on Friday 4th June so school will be closed for students. CASPA are offering a programme option for this date—see flyer in the “Community Section”.

## 2nd Hand Fleeces

We have a lot of size 6 and 8 fleeces available to buy 2nd hand. They are \$25 each and all proceeds are donated to our PTA. We also have a few polo shirts of different sizes at \$15.



## Healthy Active Learning Day



On Friday May 21st Rāwhiti School will be holding a Healthy Active Learning Day.

Children will be participating in a range of physical activities including tug of war, capture the flag, jump rope, tyre relays and much more. We will also be running our cross country races on this day.

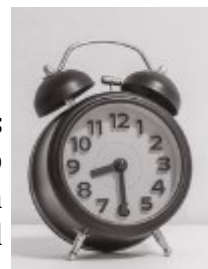
Parents are invited to join us between 11.10am and 12.15pm for the competitive Y4-8 races and from 1pm onwards for junior races. Whanau are welcome to stay for the afternoon and participate in the fun activities. We might even rope some parents into a tug of war competition!

The Healthy Active Learning Day will be a celebration of our school wide attempt to run the length of New Zealand during Week 3. It would be great if children come prepared with sensible sport shoes.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## Arrival in the Morning

With the morning temperatures dropping each day, it is timely to remind everyone that children are not allowed onto our school grounds until 8.30am each day.



Please do not send children to school earlier than that to wait outside the gate. Not only are children unsupervised when they are outside the gate, they are exposed to all weather while they are waiting, which will have an impact on their readiness to learn.

**A great reading challenge with tasty rewards.  
HELL Pizza Reading Challenge**



Dear Parents/caregivers

Your child's school is participating in the **HELL Pizza Reading Challenge**, which is being run in conjunction with the 2021 New Zealand Book Awards for Children and Young Adults.

The HELL Reading Challenge is a highly successful programme that gets kids reading and enjoying the pleasures of books with free pizza rewards.

How the Reading Challenge works:

Children are being given "pizza wheels". Every time they finish a book, a slice of the wheel gets clicked off or signed by a teacher or librarian. When they have finished seven books, they can take their completed pizza wheel to any HELL Pizza outlet and redeem it for a free 333 Pizza.

Here are the rules:

- Each pizza wheel is good for one 333 Kids' Pizza from any HELL Pizza outlet nationwide
- The wheel must be signed by a teacher/librarian, and stamped with the official school stamp
- One pizza per visit per child
- Wheels are non-transferable for money
- Children must redeem their free pizza in person, and before Monday 31 January 2022

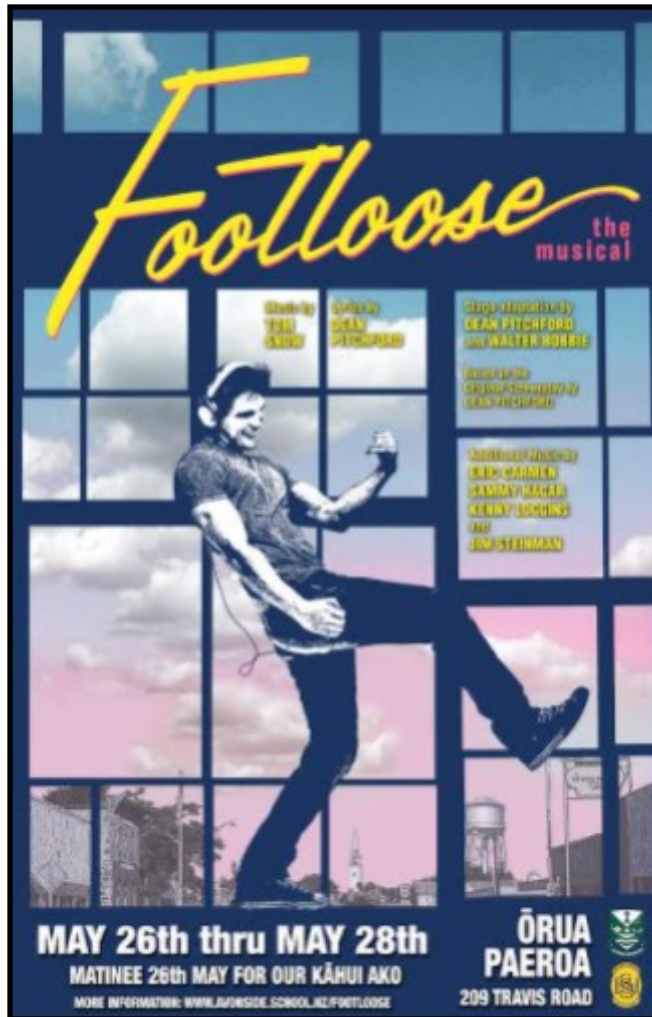
If you have any queries about the HELL Pizza Reading Challenge, please contact the classroom teacher or the school librarian.





## Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori

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## What's behind the door?

### Architecture at The Arts Centre

During OPEN CHCH 2021 kids (8 - 12 years) will go behind the fences and see stonemasonry in action, one of the oldest art forms in history. Kids will learn about Neo-Gothic architecture and people linked to The Arts Centre Te Matatiki Toi Ora. They'll do a scavenger hunt to find unique architectural features and get a fun take home activity.

**OPEN CHCH** Sat 15 & Sun 16 May:  
10am – 11am | 12pm – 1pm

**Student admission:** \$5 (parent/s or caregivers are welcome to stay however this is not a requirement)

**Age:** 8 - 12 years

**Venue:** Maker Workshop

Book now at: [artscentre.org.nz](https://artscentre.org.nz)



Joining this session means you can get your passport stamped which fulfils 30 minutes of exploration at The Arts Centre.

Get the stamp from the teachers on the day.

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**MATHS CRAFT**  
*new zealand*



explore, educate, create  
**Sunday 23 May 2021**

**The Christchurch Maths Craft Day: celebrating connections between maths and craft.**

- Fold an origami octahedron
- Knit a mathematical knot
- Crochet a Möbius strip
- Colour a Latin square
- Flex a hexahexaflexagon

Plus, public talks by mathematicians, and exhibits from the Teece Museum.

*Free entry, no booking necessary.*



For more info visit [mathscraftnz.org](http://mathscraftnz.org)  
Follow us on [facebook.com/mathscraftnz](https://facebook.com/mathscraftnz)  
Email us at [mathscraftnz@gmail.com](mailto:mathscraftnz@gmail.com)

**10am-5pm in The Great Hall at The Arts Centre**  
*Suitable for adults and children*



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CHRISTCHURCH NEW ZEALAND



**AVONSIDE GIRLS'**  
— HIGH SCHOOL —  
*Te Kura Kohine o Ōtākaro*



**OPEN NIGHT 2021**

Tuesday 1st June 2021  
5:00pm to 7:00pm

Commencing in the Main Theatre  
(Entrance off Travis Road) at 5:00pm




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### Supporting Anxious Children

Joel Brittenden

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📅 Thu 10th Jun 2021, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
NZST

Price **FREE**

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS](#)



## CASPA

Creative Programmes

*Papa Jack's*

# TEACHER'S ONLY DAY



### SOUTH BRIGHTON CASPA

Location: South New Brighton School,  
160 Estuary Road.

**Friday 4th June 2021**

Short Session 8:00pm - 3:00pm = \$38  
Long Session 8:00pm - 6:00pm = \$49

### SEE WHAT WE GET UP TO:

**Sports**



**Great Crafts**



Book online to secure your spot!

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