



Newsletter #8 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 28 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

I am very much enjoying being back at school and re-connecting with children across the Learning Studios. This week I managed to squeeze in some time in Tāwhirimātea during their afternoon programme and there was such a lot on offer for the learners – art, drama and dance. I was also impressed with the way children were volunteering at the end of the day to take care of all of the tasks involved in readying the studio for the next day of learning.

Last Friday we celebrated Healthy Active Living in several forms.

It was Pink Shirt Day and, as a school, we raised \$580 to support the Mental Health Foundation in the work they do to create schools, workplaces, communities and whānau where everyone feels safe, valued and respected. Our senior students wrote special messages around our school to remind everyone of the need to be kind to people, no matter who they are.

Our annual school Cross Country was the big event of the day. In preparation for this, students had been taking part in a Run Around New Zealand event, where they could complete a 1km circuit around the school ground and add their efforts to the schools' collective total. So many children took part that it only took our school 4 days to run the length of the country!

Thanks to all of our parents and caregivers who turned out to support children in the Cross Country. It was delightful to see our oldest students completing the race with their junior buddies. Some of our seniors completed the course five times!

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Mark Your Calendar

JUNE

- 2nd Eastern Zone Cross Country
- 4th SCHOOL CLOSED—Teacher Only Day
- 7th SCHOOL CLOSED—Queen's Birthday Weekend
- 9,10 Learning Conversations
- 11th Whole School Assembly
- 11th Winter Sport Starting Y5-8
- 16,17 Learning Conversations
- 16th Strum Strike Blow
- 23rd Canterbury Cross Country
- 23rd 1pm—SCHOOL CLOSING EARLY for staff to attend union meeting
- 23rd Dancing with the Stars, 6pm

JULY

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



From The Principal continued ...

Children also took part in a range of activities throughout the afternoon, with the highlight being the staff v student Tug of War. Great to see parents getting involved in this as well - the children were loving it.



Countdown can Count on Us

You will all be aware of the incident that recently took place in the Dunedin Countdown. Over the following days there were a number of reports in the media about how Countdown staff are regularly on the receiving end of both physical and verbal abuse from customers. A group of our senior students were, like you, disappointed that supermarket staff would be treated in this way, and decided to take action.

They collected messages of support for our local Countdown staff from across the school and collated them into a scrapbook, and then made a short movie of positive messages from our students. On Wednesday morning they presented these to the team at our local supermarket during their morning staff meeting. These students take action because they have high levels of empathy and integrity – two of our RISE values that we hope all children will grow and develop during their time at our school. Well done team – you make us proud.



Learning Conversations - Hui Ako

These are scheduled to take place over a two week period on June 9th and 10th, and June 16th and 17th. Information on how to book your appointment can be found further on in this newsletter.

Some important dates to note:

- **Friday June 4th** (that's next Friday) is a Teacher Only Day and the school will be closed for instruction.
- As part of the Primary Teachers Collective Agreement teachers are entitled to attend paid union meetings. We have tried to ensure minimal disruption to our tamariki. The meeting for our teachers is 2pm on **Wednesday 23 June** therefore children will be **sent home at 1:00pm** on that day after eating lunch unless you want to pick them up beforehand. Please advise the school office if you are unable to do this. As most of our teachers are union members there will be very few people on site to supervise.

Liz Weir, Principal

Principals Awards *Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki*

Rongo-Ma-Tane

Abby x4, Amelia x3, Blake x5, Brooke, Edie, Freida x2, Gabby x2, Isabel K x7, Jax, Jesse H x4, Lakey x2, Leo x2, Lulu x3, Maddie, H x2, Mahalia x4, Mia H x2, Nishil, Nova x5, Olive x2, Rad, Sam M x2, Tilda x2, Travis, Violet x3

Papatuanuku

Jack M

Tangaroa

Bella-Rose



Success @ Rawhiti

Congratulations to Minttu and Jakob P who were acknowledged for their participation in the Manaiaakalani Summer Learning Journey. Jakob also received a 3rd place prize pack for being one of our cluster's most active bloggers.

The Summer Learning Journey is a free digital literacy programme for school students. It was designed to encourage primary and intermediate school students to continue their literacy learning over the summer holidays. Students chose activities to complete over the summer holiday period.

Avonside Girls High School Open Night



AVONSIDE GIRLS'
HIGH SCHOOL
Te Kura Kahine o Ōtākaro

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

Scooters



Another reminder please that bringing scooters, bikes and skateboards to school is at your own risk. We strongly encourage children to lock them to the available stands and ensure that their name is on it somewhere.

We have an engraving machine at school and are happy to engrave names into scooters or skateboards. Contact Paul on paul@rawhiti.school.nz or the school office if you would like this done.

Blue Star Tech Award

Congratulations to Elizabeth Kazmierczak who has won for our school a \$2500 Blue Star Technology Grant. There were four awards of \$2500 across NZ and schools had the chance to win one of the funds by submitting a portfolio of a module of their Digital Technologies and Hangarau Matihiko teaching.

Elizabeth entered the ScratchJR Coding card students from PTN made. The funds are to be spent on technology to further enhance their digital technologies programme - we think Elizabeth will have a wish list of new things she would like our children to be able to use for their learning.

Bandages and plasters



If your child has had an injury outside of school requiring large plasters or bandages that may need changing during the day, please put some in their school bag. The office staff are happy to assist putting them on.

Pink Shirt Day

Thank you for your support of Pink Shirt day last Friday, it was awesome to see so many students, staff and whānau wearing pink to raise awareness and support this event.



We raised \$580 for the Mental Health Foundation. Well done to the group of senior students in Tangaroa who organised a colouring competition, design a shirt competition and organised kindness messages to be spread around the school during the week. The group also created and presented little role-plays to each studio sharing ideas for what to do if you think you are being bullied, and where to go for help.

Learning Conversations in June

Learning Conversations are scheduled for next month and are the perfect opportunity to discuss your child's learning with the teachers.



To book a session with your child's teacher go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and the code is **bcnsa** or click on this link: [Learning Conversations](#).

EPro8

Over the last 2 weeks groups of Y5-6 students have been working on their entries into the EPro8 challenge. EPro8 is an inter-school science and engineering competition, where students this year are creating a landmark for a New Year's celebration using the specialist box of equipment. The groups need to submit a report and a short video of their creation as their entry into the Canterbury regional competition. Good luck to all our Rāwhiti teams.



Kidsfest—School Holidays

The Kidsfest activities for the next school holidays have been loaded on their website and bookings can be made from Monday 31st May. There are many great activities and some of them are free for children in the July school holidays.

Go to www.kidsfest.co.nz for full details.



Healthy Active Learning Day

Last Friday we held our whole school cross country and Healthy Active Learning Day. The children trained hard in the weeks leading up to the cross country which paid off on the day. We are so proud of all the children who ran in the event and those who came to support them.

In the afternoon children were able to participate in a range of activities - Capture the Flag and Gymnastics proved to be very popular! We finished the day with a teachers vs. student tug-of-war and I'm fairly confident the teachers won that one!

A big thank you to all the teachers, seniors, past students and parents who helped make this event a success.

Judith and Courtney



Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori

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OPEN NIGHT 2021
 Tuesday 1st June 2021
 5:00pm to 7:00pm
 Commencing in the Main Theatre
 (Entrance off Travis Road) at 5:00pm

MARCHING CANTERBURY

Don't knock it until you try it!

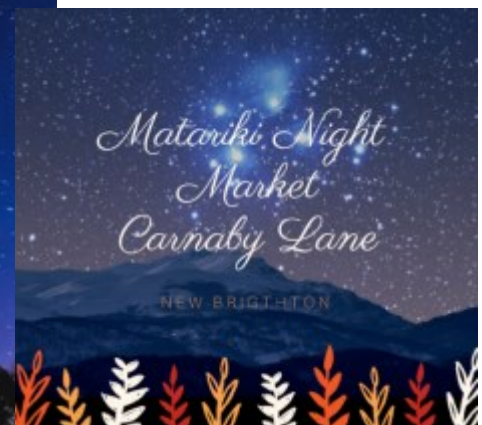
We cater for all ages 4yrs—30yrs+. We are currently looking for more members to join our teams.

Marching encourages teamwork, discipline and friendship. It's great for coordination, posture and brain development. If you would like to see what we are all about and give it a go, get in touch with us at publicitymarchingcanterbury@gmail.com or contact Kylie Dowers 021 930434.

We have teams in all areas of Christchurch.



CARNABY LANE
 MATARIKI NIGHT MARKET
 26TH JUNE 5-8PM
 LIVE MUSIC, STALLS
 GOOD FOOD, GREAT FRIENDS



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Grab your skateboards and come out to support the New Zealand team ahead of the Tokyo Olympic Games!

We'd like to invite you and your students to visit the New Zealand Olympic Committee's Great Olympic Skate Roadshow and its super-sized skateboard on **Monday 31st May** at **Christchurch's Washington Way Skate Park** from **3-5pm**.

We'd love to see you and your students come out after school to see the **record breaking 12-metre-long, 800-kg skateboard**, dubbed *Eke Tahi* (Ride as One).

The skateboard will be joined by two of New Zealand's top skateboarders Matt Markland and Bowman Hansen.

The super-sized skateboard represents the Olympic Games offering more extreme, more urban and more youth-focused events, including skateboarding, surfing and three-on-three basketball.

Location + time: **Monday 31 May at the Washington Way Skate Park from 3-5pm**


We can't wait for CHRISTCHURCH to GET ON BOARD!

You can read more about the Great Olympic Skate Roadshow here: <https://www.olympic.org.nz/games/tokyo-2020/great-olympic-skate/>




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A LIFELONG LOVE OF SPORTS!



Why should the big kids have all the fun?!

Sports for 1 to 5 year olds!

Book a trial class!

Get your toddlers and preschoolers active with our sports classes!

BOOK ONLINE AT
kellyminisports.co.nz

FIND US ON  

Our programmes are designed to teach your toddler or preschooler essential skills and a lifelong love of sports. They're also a great place for parents to socialise!

A BRAND NEW PROGRAMME FOR KIWI PRESCHOOLERS

Delivered by expert coaches in a safe and fun environment, our professional programmes allow children to discover sport while developing their fundamental motor skills, confidence and social skills.

- 45 minute sessions
- Indoors
- Non competitive
- Emphasis on team work
- Team uniform

Our current programmes include football, basketball, rugby, tennis and cricket.

BIG FUN FOR LITTLE KIDS

To cater for the different levels of development, programmes are for:

- Mini Sporters: 1 to 2.5 year olds
- Big Sporters: 2.5 to 3.5 year olds
- Giant Sporters: 3.5 to 5 year olds

AT PARKLANDS RECREATION CENTRE

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 Visit our website for more info on session times.

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