



Newsletter #10 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 25 June 2021

E ara ake ana i te ūruhi
Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou, Here we are, exactly halfway through the year, with the shortest day behind us. Thank you for your support of our teachers on Wednesday afternoon - we very much appreciate your willingness to find alternative arrangements for children to allow teachers to attend their union meetings.

One of my favourite things from the last two weeks was being in Rongo-mā-tāne on Friday morning when the Choice and Challenge programme was getting underway for the week. A number of our Year 7 & 8 students act as 'teachers' and offer learning opportunities for our Year 1-3 children. The activities they had organised included dance lessons, puppet making and plays, a sandpit session, outdoor games, riding bikes, and - always a favourite - Cafe Rāwhiti, where they teach the little ones to make pikelets and then everyone has a lovely morning tea! It is a delight to see our oldest children spend time nurturing our littlest learners.



Our school value of Empathy was on show in bucket loads on Wednesday morning with our non-uniform fundraiser supporting one of our whānau who lost their home and possessions to a house fire last week. We can only imagine the heartache and stress this event has caused to adults and children alike. Our wide Rāwhiti whanau opened their hearts, and their wallets, and donated just on \$1000 and several boxes of food and treats. We thank you for your kindness.

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Mark Your Calendar

JUNE

- 28th Children's University Campus Visit
- 28th Board of Trustee Meeting

JULY

- 6th Tāwhirimātea Bridle Path
- 8th Learning Celebrations
- 8th PTA Meeting, 7.30pm
- 9th Whole School Assembly
- 9th Last Day of Term 2

10-25 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

- 26th 1st Day of Term 3



From The Principal continued ...**Rāwhiti On Show**

In the last two weeks our children have had some fantastic performance opportunities. Last Thursday night was the annual Strum Strike Blow concert at the Christchurch Arena and it was a delight to be in the audience. Our school uniforms made it easy for me to spot our musicians amongst the 1000 children performing on the night. Our ukulele groups have been tutored by Paul Lee, from the Christchurch School of Music (CSM) for the past 6 years and this was his final event with us ahead of his move to Wellington. We will

really miss Paul and the musical opportunities he provides for our keen strummers. CSM have replaced Paul with a new tutor, Anne, so that we can continue to foster a love of ukulele music here at Rāwhiti.



This week it was our keen dancers taking to the Isaac Theatre Royal stage for Dancing Like The Stars. This event always brings out the best in our performers - I think it is the electric atmosphere in the theatre that really makes the evening hum.

Visitors To Our School

Over the past few weeks we have hosted a number of visitors from around the country. Learning Environments NZ hosted a meeting here for architects and educators, showcasing our award-winning grounds. The leadership team from Eskdale School in Napier also paid us a visit looking for inspiration for their own rebuild and landscaping development. Huapai School (north of Auckland) staff visited to hear more about the Strengthfinder professional development project our staff have been involved in for the past four years. On Tuesday we hosted a group from Te Kawa Mataaho (Public Service Commission) who wanted to hear from our team about the challenges we face in accessing resourcing and support for children experiencing challenges in their lives.

We take great delight in showing guests around our school - and they always comment on the feel of the place, and how happy the children seem to be - which makes us feel very proud of the work being done by our team.

Change of Board of Trustees Meeting Date

The BOT meeting that was advertised for next Thursday has been brought forward to Monday, June 28th, at 6pm in the meeting room here at school.

At its last meeting the Board regretfully accepted the resignation of one of our elected parent reps, Vanessa Manning. Vanessa served two terms as a Trustee and was Board Chair for two years during that time. We are really grateful to Vanessa for her service to the school and understand her decision to step down now that her children are not attending our school.

Liz Weir, Principal

Principals Awards *Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki*



Rongo-mā-tāne

Abby x2, Amelia, Ashlea, Blake, Isabel, Lulu, Maddie, Mahalia, Mia H, Olive, Opal, Tahlia, Tilda, Travis x2, Violet

Success @ Rawhiti

Congratulations to the following students who represented Rāwhiti at the Canterbury Schools Cross Country on the 23rd of June. You should all feel very proud of yourself for making it to Canterbury's!



-Millah R
-Elouise M
-Lachie P
-Emily C
-Dylan D
-Isla H
-Lyshia B

PTA Meeting - Thursday 8 July, 7.30pm

We are on the lookout for some new members! We really actually need you, please don't be shy. Some of our long-standing committee members have new commitments this year so now is the time to jump aboard!

We are going to help the school run a fun book week in August in conjunction with Scholastic books. We need some volunteers to sell books or maybe do a bit of baking.

Come along to our meeting on the 8th of July after the learning celebration and see how you might be able to help the school out.

Come to DanceFit at Rāwhiti and Win a Pass to He Puna Taimoana Hot Pools!

For the next two Mondays come along to DanceFit with Fiona and enter the draw to win a Family Pass to He Puna Taimoana hot pools!

ABOUT THE CLASS

DanceFit runs on Mondays at 7pm at Rāwhiti School Hall during the school terms. Classes run for approximately one hour and you are welcome to park in the school car park.

Casual rate: \$8.00 per class. (Sorry no EFTPOS)
Prepay: \$35 for 5 classes.

However first-timers are always welcome to try for FREE!



Fiona does 16 tracks within the hour-long class. She introduces one new track a week and explains some of moves. The class has a mix of high and low intensity tracks. However, please feel free to take everything at your own pace and intensity. You know your own body! The most important thing is just to move and have fun.

Kidsfest July School Holidays

The Kidsfest activities for the next school holidays have been loaded on their website and bookings are now open. 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.



Canterbury

District Health Board

Te Poari Hauora o Waitaha

June 2021

Managers/Principals

Ministry of Education

Community and Public Health have noted an increase in the number of gastrointestinal illness cases reported in schools and Early Childhood Education centres.

This communication is to highlight the increased possibility of children and teachers developing symptoms. Children and teachers who develop vomiting and/or diarrhoea should not attend school and can return once they have been symptom free for 48 hours.

The attached viral gastroenteritis fact sheet may prove useful (particularly the cleaning guide) and it can be found on the Community and Public Health website.

We are aware that most schools and Early Childhood Education centres use standard operating procedures for dealing with outbreaks, however, we are happy to provide a comprehensive guide (upon request) should that be useful in any outbreak situation.

If we can be of any further assistance, we can be contacted on (03) 3641777 (ask for the communicable diseases team).



Dr Ramon Pink

CLEANING AND DISINFECTION GUIDELINES FOR GASTROENTERITIS OUTBREAKS

The following infection control advice, if followed correctly, will help control the spread of Norovirus infection. Give this advice to the appropriate person during the initial stages of any gastroenteritis outbreak investigation.

1. HAND WASHING

- 1.1 Wash hands frequently after:
 - using the toilet,
 - cleaning toilets and bathrooms,
 - handling soiled clothing or bed linen,
 - cleaning up incidents of vomiting or diarrhoea,
 - handling cleaning equipment such as cloths, buckets and mops,
 - changing nappies,
 - before and after preparing food.
- 1.2 Wash hands with warm water and soap, rubbing hands together vigorously for at least 20 seconds.
- 1.3 Dry hands thoroughly using disposable paper towels or a separate hand towel from other family or work members.
- 1.4 Alcohol based hand sanitizer can be used as an extra method of protection after thoroughly washing and drying hands. Do not use as a substitute for hand washing during gastrointestinal outbreaks unless no facilities are available.

2. CLEANING AND DISINFECTION

- 2.1 Prepare disinfectant:
 - An effective disinfectant can be prepared by mixing any supermarket brand bleach and water to a 0.1% solution. A new solution must be made up daily.
 - The ratio of bleach to water is dependent on the concentration of bleach purchased. Most supermarket brands are 2-5% sodium hypochlorite.
 - The following table outlines how to prepare a 1 litre 0.1% hypochlorite solution:

Original strength of bleach (% sodium hypochlorite)	Bleach (ml)	Water (ml)	Total (ml)
1%	100	900	1000
2%	50	950	1000
3%	33	967	1000
4%	25	975	1000
5%	20	980	1000

- 2.2 Cleaning Equipment:
 - Use disposable cleaning equipment e.g. cloths and mop heads. If using re-usable mops, soak in 0.1% bleach solution after use for at least 30 minutes followed by a hot wash.
 - Use separate cloths for high risk areas e.g. toilet and bathroom.
- 2.3 Protect yourself first:
 - Ensure personal protective equipment (gloves, mask and gown or protective clothing) is worn, especially when cleaning up faecal matter or vomit.
- 2.4 Cleaning:
 - Clean contaminated areas first using standard household cleaners (soap, detergent, hot water etc.) to remove any faeces or vomit. This will allow the disinfectant to work effectively.
- 2.5 Disinfection:
 - Pay closest attention to areas of likely contamination and hand contact surfaces, for example toilets, bathroom floors and walls (especially the area surrounding the toilet after vomiting and diarrhoea), doorknobs, sinks, taps, benches, hand rails, phones and light switches.
- 2.6 Cleaning soft furnishings: (more important in residential care facilities and hotels etc)
 - Soft furnishings and carpet may discolour if cleaned with a bleach solution.
 - Contaminated soft chairs, mattresses and carpets should be cleaned with hot water and detergent and then steam cleaned.

3. RETURNING TO WORK, SCHOOL OR PRESCHOOL

- 3.1 All persons affected by Norovirus should remain off work, school or preschool until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.

For further information contact Community and Public Health

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Want To Be On What Now?

I'm the Associate Producer on the TVNZ2 Children's show 'What Now', based here in Christchurch and we are on the lookout for fun, confident, 8 -12 year olds to come on the show to play our studio games and/or perform on the show. **COULD THIS BE YOUR CHILD?** (Can be older than 12 years to perform.)



If yes, then what are you waiting for - get in touch!

I would love to hear about them and get them booked in to appear on the show. The first step is to email me back the following information on Sarah.Mageean@whitebaitmedia.com:

- 1) Confirm names and ages of children + send through a photo
- 2) State if they want to play a studio game, perform (+ details) or both
- 3) Any interesting facts about each child - are they involved in any cool clubs, competed in anything recently, have an amazing claim to fame!?
- 4) Confirm whether anyone in their family has been on What Now before. If yes, when and why?
- 5) How each child would describe themselves in 3 words
- 6) What they want to be when they are older
- 7) Their favourite thing about What Now
- 8) What they would like to see more of on What Now
- 9) What Team Name they would give themselves
- 10) Rehearsals are every Friday (after school) and the live show is Sundays (8am - 10am) but people need to arrive at 7am on Sundays - What weeks/weekends are you available?
- 11) A direct contact number for Parents/Guardians

Any questions or queries please just ask,

Sarah



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Kelly Sports July Holiday Programmes

Bookings for our upcoming Kelly Sports Holiday Programmes at Hillview Christian School and Hillmorton High School are now available online.

The focus of our Programmes is to ensure kids are active throughout with a great mixture of games and activities to suit everyone. WINZ Subsidies are available for families that qualify and we have options of Half Day sessions, School Day sessions and Full Day sessions available.

To register and for more information please visit www.kellysports.co.nz/christchurch-east or contact Steve on steve@kellysports.co.nz for more information



KELLY SPORTS **HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

CONTACT
STEVE POTTER
STEVE@KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ
021 044 6283
BOOK ONLINE AT
KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ

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Keep collecting
the breadtags
and bringing
them into the
office!

Free Family Movie Night Saturday 26th June 2021

**BRING YOUR OWN DINNER FROM
5:45PM**

**MOVIE STARTS AT 6:30PM
SNACKS AND DRINKS AVAILABLE
FOR PURCHASE**

@ 180 QUEENSPARK DRIVE

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Holiday Programme

Term 2 2021

<p>Monday 12 July</p> <p>Geocaching</p> <p>If you have not tried this, now is the time. The ultimate treasure hunt!</p> 	<p>Tuesday 13 July</p> <p>Paper Wars</p> <p>Can you think of what fun we can have with paper? Well we have a few tricks up our sleeves!</p> 	<p>Wednesday 14 July</p> <p>Wacky Wednesday</p> <p>Wacky dressing, wacky hairstyles, wacky games and other fun.</p> 	<p>Thursday 15 July</p> <p>Trip to Movies</p> <p>Let's go watch the latest movie release at The Palms.</p> 	<p>Friday 16 July</p> <p>Tech Day</p> <p>Have some device time indoors and then we leave our devices to play some tech games outside.</p> 
<p>Monday 19 July</p> <p>Battle of the Games</p> <p>More games than you can shake a stick at...lol!</p> 	<p>Tuesday 20 July</p> <p>SMA Karate</p> <p>Let's try a session of karate and see if you love it.</p> 	<p>Wednesday 21 July</p> <p>PJ's & Movies</p> <p>Come in your PJ's to have a chillax movie marathon.</p> 	<p>Thursday 22 July</p> <p>Trip to Ice Rink</p> <p>Come dressed warm and with socks and get ready to have fun.</p> 	<p>Friday 23 July</p> <p>Glow in the Dark Party</p> <p>Glow sticks, dancing and lots of fun.</p> 

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WE'RE LOOKING FOR MORE JAMMERS
AGED 6-25 (YOUNG PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITIES)
WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OUR
WORKSHOPS!

STARJAM CHRISTCHURCH

WE HAVE SPACES IN OUR DANCE,
SINGING AND RHYTHM WORKSHOPS &
WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN!

TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST, PLEASE
EMAIL:
CHRISTCHURCH@STARJAM.ORG

Did you know our workshops are done on a 'you choose'
donation basis and there are NO set fees!



StarJam Once Upon A Time DISCO

Save the Date!

When: Friday 9th July 6.30-8.30pm

Where: Hohepa Hall, 23 Barrington Street,
Cashmere, Christchurch

What: A fun night to celebrate Jammers,
their families, friends and the wider
community!



Everyone Welcome! Gold coin donation on entry.

WWW.STARJAM.ORG

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Kia ora lovely libraries,

We're thrilled to tell you about a series of events we're running for young readers and writers during KidsFest this winter school holidays (July 10-25). There are lots of great prizes to be won, and much enthusiasm about reading to be shared.

Scorpio Books' Reading Challenge (no bookings required)

This year our Reading Challenge is divided into four age categories (0-4, 5-8, 9-12 and 13+). The theme of this year's challenge is 'Explore Our World', and the focus is to encourage children to rate or review the books they read (depending on their age).

Reading Challenge forms are available on our website here:

<http://www.scorpiobooks.co.nz/Events>

or hardcopies are available in-store. Children who submit forms in-store during KidsFest will receive a goodie bag, including a \$10 Scorpio voucher AND go in the draw to win great prizes.

(The two youngest age categories get one entry to the prize draw (their submission form). The two older categories get an entry in the prize draw for each review they submit.)

Scorpio KidsFest Events – bookings now open.

Scorpio Books **Preschool** Storytime (Ages 0 to 5)

Theme: Our World

Monday 12 July, 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Bookings Essential

Scorpio Books Storytime (Ages 5 to 8)

Theme: Our World

Tuesday 13 July, 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Bookings Essential

Scorpio Books' Young Writers' Workshops (Ages 13 to 17)

Tuesday 20 July 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

AND

Wednesday 21 July 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Bookings Essential