



Newsletter #11 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 9 July 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 hope you enjoyed the Learning Celebration and Mānawatia a Matariki evening last night - and the hot soup. Thank you for taking the time to be involved and showing the tamariki that you are interested in what they are learning at school. It's not every night you get to go to a movie premier and book launch!

Earlier in the week, before the rain arrived, children in Tāwhirimātea walked up and over the Bridle Path to re-enact the journey made by our early European settlers arriving by ship in Lyttelton. Fortunately, our children did not have to carry their household possessions with them!

### Staffing Changes



Today we farewell our part-time caretaker, **Georgina Lloyd**. Georgina is retiring after lengthy service to our school. She started working at Central New Brighton School as a cleaner back in 1999 and became the part-time caretaker there in 2011. At the beginning of 2015 Georgina transferred to the Rāwhiti staff as part of the school merger process. In our first year she was caretaker at our Beach Base and since the beginning of 2016 she has been working tirelessly to keep our school in tip-top condition. This has not been an easy task - especially with our 10 acres of grounds to maintain. One of the first pieces of equipment we purchased when we moved in here was the Polaris, as we feared that we would wear Georgina out fairly quickly just getting around our site!

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## Mark Your Calendar

### JULY

9th Last Day of Term 2

10-25 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

26th 1st Day of Term 3

27th EPR08 Y5/6 heats

27th Y3/4 Girls Self Defence

28th Eastern Zones Y5/6  
Basketball

### AUGUST

2nd Canterbury Y7/8  
Basketball

3rd Y3/4 Girls Self Defence

5th Eastern Zone Winter  
Sports

10th Y3/4 Girls Self Defence

13th Tawhirimatea Art Gallery

16-20 Scholastic Book Fair Week

18th Out Of Zone Ballot Closes

20th Book Character Dress Up  
Day

20th Whole School Assembly



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

Each year, Georgina has been recognised in the Keep Christchurch Beautiful Awards for her work on our school gardens.

Georgina tells us she is looking forward to her craft work, spending more time with her grand-daughter, and volunteering in the community. We all wish her well for a lengthy retirement.



We are currently advertising for a full time, Grade 2 caretaker. The details can be found on our school website under the 'Our People' tab.

Next term we welcome **Jan Robertson** to the teaching team in Rongo-ma-tane. Jan has previously taught in both Hokitika and Invercargill, with a recent family move bringing her to Christchurch. Jan's Montessori pre-school training will be a great addition to the team teaching our littlest learners.

Our Executive Officer, **Cheryl Nuthall** will be reducing her hours next term and will not be working on Fridays. If you need to contact Cheryl about your school account you can do so Monday through Thursday between 8.30am and 4pm.

And finally, **Helen Parata (DP)** will be on Study Leave next term completing the Ka Poupou Reo Māori language course. Helen will be the sixth member of our staff to undertake this professional development, and we know both Helen and the school will benefit from all of her new learning. During her absence, **Helen Hogarth**, Team Leader from Papatūānuku, will be released for two days each week to take on some of the DP responsibilities.

### **Building Project**

We are about to enter into a reasonably large building project, funded by the Ministry of Education, developing outdoor learning spaces on the north side of our Learning Studios, between the buildings and the bike track. This will involve moving the bag bays from their current location and creating a new feature along the front of the school. The new spaces will provide warm, sunny spaces (with shade options) for children to work outside. The first stages of this work may well get underway in the upcoming school holidays - so we all need to be prepared for a little disruption when we return to school, as we will be unable to use the exits on the field side of our building.

Enjoy the extended time with your children over the two week break. I know many of you will be taking in some of the Kids Fest activities happening around the city. If you are going to see Disney's Moana Junior at the Court Theatre you will see two ex-Rāwhiti students - Sepela Avia and Maliyah Iosefo - taking to the stage.

Whatever you do over the holidays, please bring your children back to us safely for the start of Term 3 on Monday, July 26th.

**Liz Weir**  
**Principal**

## Principals Awards *Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki*



### Rongo-mā-tāne

Abby x2, Aria C, Ashlea, Blake, Charlie M x4, Edie, Indie x4, Inka, Isabel x3, Lakey, Lulu, Lyle, Mahalia, Nova, Pearl, Rad, Sam x2, Tahlia, Tayah,

### Ata Hapara

Mareko, Mataio

### Tawhirimatea

Zavier

## New Ukulele Tutor

A bit about me: Hi my name is Anne McMahon I am the new ukulele teacher at Rāwhiti School. Last year I finished my Bachelor of Music Arts at ARA Institute, I write my own children's music under the band name 'Angelfish Kids' and I also have two sons (9 and 12 years old).



I love the ukulele, singing, songwriting and I'm excited to be teaching ukulele at Rāwhiti.

## Success @ Rawhiti



Congratulations to Bex and Becky who both finished their NZ Certificate in Education Support (Level 4) recently.

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Last week Papanui High School drama performed their musical production of Grease. It was great to see ex-Rāwhiti students amongst the cast.

Charlotte Bracefield was in the ensemble chorus, Maria Marsden played Principal McGee, and Lizzie Bracefield starred in the role of Sandy. It was great to see how far these girls have come since their days of singing in assembly here at Rāwhiti.

## Headlice

There have been a few cases of headlice at school recently so the school holidays might be a good chance to sort this out. See an info sheet later in the newsletter.

## Children's University

Last week our 40 Children's University students spent the day at the University of Canterbury. They rotated around different activities including visits to the science, engineering and humanities faculties. One group also visited the Kate Sheppard House. The visit was a taster for them of what university life could be if they continue to tertiary education and what different areas they could choose to study. The children were amazed by how many cafes were there.





## Updates from Rāwhiti School Library – Whare Matauranga

### Parent Library....New Books

*Aroha*, by [Hinemoa Elder](#)

*Tikanga*, by [Francis Tipene](#), [Kaiaora Tipene](#)

Visit: <http://library.rawhiti.school.nz>

Search 'Parent Library' and you will see all the books in this collection.

If you want a book/s from the parent library pop in or send an email to [library@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:library@rawhiti.school.nz)



### A Visit from Ruth Paul

[Ruth Paul](#) is a New Zealand author and illustrator who came share some stories with the junior tamariki at Rāwhiti School.



### End of Term 2 Golden Ticket Winners

Twelve lucky students had the library closed for an exclusive browsing session and first selection of new books coming to our library.



## Continued ... Updates from Rāwhiti School Library – Whare Matauranga

### What books does my child/children have issued?

Year 1 to 3 students can issue up to 2 books. There is no limit of how many books can be issued to students from Year 4 to 8.

Remember you can access our library catalogue (Web APP) at: <http://library.rawhiti.school.nz>  
Each student at Rāwhiti School has a login. This was sent home in Term 1 on a yellow or orange piece of paper. Once logged in students can view what books they have on loan, search the library and reserve books. If you have lost this information please email [library@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:library@rawhiti.school.nz)

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### Rāwhiti School's eBook Library (Wheelers ePlatform):

Want to keep children reading over the holidays? Why not access our ePlatform!

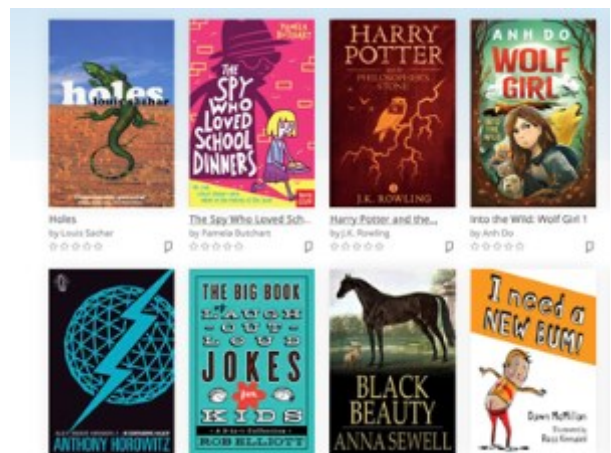
Children can access 1 500 eBooks on our Wheeler's ePlatform. These books will display when searching for books on the Web OPAC or you can go to the direct link: <https://rawhitischool.wheelers.co/>

eBooks can be issued for two weeks and there is a limit of two eBooks per user. Students will need to use their library number and password to login to download eBooks. If you have a device you can download the Wheelers ePlatform app!

Download ePlatform App - <https://goo.gl/SIC6ft>

Any questions please contact Elizabeth Kazmierczak  
email [elizabeth@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:elizabeth@rawhiti.school.nz)

Download the ePlatform App



## Learning Celebrations in Tāwhirimātea

Wow-what a night and what a great turnout. We had such a buzz in Tāwhirimātea as children shared their creations and participated in an 1850s fashion show. Priceless! Thank you so much to everyone who came along and participated in our “dress your kid up” activity. Our kids shone as they twirled their way down our catwalk!



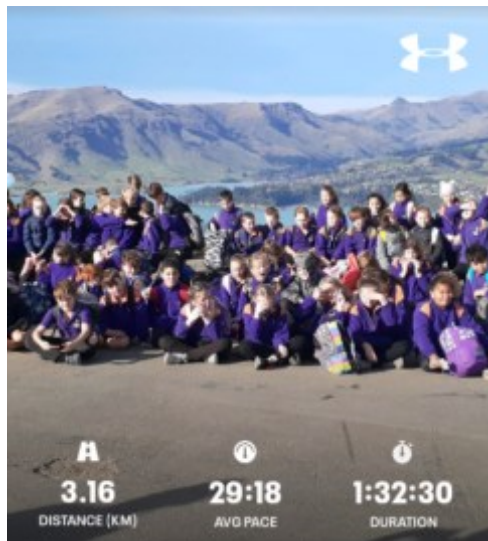


## Walking the Bridle Path, by Dylan

Yesterday the children in Tāwhirimātea walked the Bridle Path. We started in Lyttelton and went all the way to the gondola. We walked 3.16 km. I slipped over once and I hurt my knee. On the way up I tripped into a gutter. Apart from that the Bridle Path was really fun because my mum came as parent help.

On the way up there were two bunkers. They are not big they are like 1 metre by 1 metre. In the middle photo is when we finished the Bridle Path. It was a bit tiring for me but I thought it would be a bit harder.

The reason why we walked the Bridle Path was to experience what it was like for early settlers that came in the 1850s and the 1860s. It would be a lot harder for them than us because they were carrying all their belongings. One of these photos is the view from the top of the bridle path.



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[Check out Envirohub's website for heaps of school holiday activities.](#)

### Imagination Station



#### School Holidays

Imagination Station will be coming to Aranui Library on Thursday, 15 July! We'll be running a basic LEGO Technic Starter class, a class on remote controlled race cars, an introduction to robotics with LEGO WeDo2.0 and an exciting battlebots class with LEGO SPIKE Prime robotics. If you're interested, find more info and reserve your space at [imagination-station.org.nz](http://imagination-station.org.nz) or give us a call on 027 438 2106.

#### After School Classes

Imagination Station after school LEGO classes are coming to Aranui AND New Brighton Libraries in Term 3 with all our LEGO robotics, mechanics, and movie making fun! In Term 3 our Aranui classes will run every week on Thursday and our New Brighton classes will be every week on Friday. Both classes run from 3.30pm to 5pm, with a cost of \$15 per session. Find more info or reserve a space at [imagination-station.org.nz](http://imagination-station.org.nz) or give us a call on 027 438 2106.



### Music Basics Bootcamp



Are you looking for the best way to try out music lessons? **Music Basics Bootcamp** offers a fun introduction with the chance to sample a range of beginner-friendly instruments. Small groups of students learn the basics of music theory, plus how to play simple songs on the piano, recorder, and ukulele.

Classes in North New Brighton. \$175 per term for groups of 3-4 students. All materials and instruments provided. To register for lessons please visit <https://pianosaurusrex.nz/bootcamp/> or phone Bridey on 022 166 2960 for more information.

**Music Basics Bootcamp** is the perfect first step and a great way to prepare for future music lessons!

### 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](http://www.kidsfest.co.nz) for full details.

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### **Family Fest Christchurch - 23-25 July 2021**

Event Hire is very proud to be hosting Family Fest Christchurch again this year, however we have decided to go bigger and better this year since we SOLD OUT last year! We are holding the event at Pioneer Recreation Centre this year, allowing us a bit more space than last year.

There will be two, three hour sessions each day. 9am-12pm and then 1pm-4pm for each of the three days.

Ticket prices will be:

Children (under 1's) - FREE

Children (1-5 years) - \$10

Children/Student (6-17 years) - \$15

Adult (18+) - \$5

Family Pass (2x Adults & 3x Children) - \$50

Mates Rates (4x Children/Students/Adults) - \$55

**[CLICK HERE for tickets](#)**

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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](http://www.kellysports.co.nz/christchurch-east) or contact Steve on [steve@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:steve@kellysports.co.nz) for more information



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# Head lice

## What are head lice?

Head lice are small, flat insects that live and lay eggs on the human scalp. They are sometimes called nits, kutis, kutu bugs, utu or riha. They live on the hair and feed by sucking blood from the scalp. They are pale grey (before feeding) and reddish brown (after feeding). They can look like grains of sand or dandruff. Head lice do not carry or pass on disease.

## Who can get head lice?

Anyone can get head lice. They are a common problem and cause concern and frustration for parents and children. Catching head lice has nothing to do with poor hygiene.

## How do people get head lice?

People get head lice from head to head contact with someone who already has head lice. This can easily happen when children play or sleep together and their heads touch. Head lice can only crawl from hair to hair. They can't fly or jump from head to head. Head lice only survive on humans. They die quickly when they are not on the head, usually within 24 hours.

## How do I check for and treat head lice?

Head lice can live all over the head but particularly like warm places behind the ears, around the bottom of the hair line, and on top of the head. Treatment of head lice is usually by physical methods (wet combing) or chemical/herbal treatments. You don't need to buy expensive products to get rid of head lice. You can buy a fine-tooth head lice comb from your pharmacy. See instructions on the following page. If you choose to use a chemical or herbal treatment, speak to your pharmacist, doctor or nurse for advice about what treatment to use and how to use it. Never use fly spray, kerosene or treatments intended for animals – these may harm children and adults.

If you find live head lice or eggs on your child's scalp, use the wet comb method to get rid of as many nits as soon as you can. Remember to check everyone in the house for nits as well. Use the wet comb method every day on everyone who has nits. You can stop once you find no lice or eggs for 3 days in a row. Check the hair of everyone in the house twice a week for the next 2 weeks to make sure everyone stays clear.

Check for lice and eggs whenever you are brushing your child's hair or any time they are scratching their head.

# Head lice - checking and treating with wet comb & conditioner

Wet combing with conditioner and a fine tooth nit comb (without using chemicals) is an effective way to find and remove head lice, if done properly.

It can take up to an hour to remove all live lice and eggs. It depends how thick and long the hair is.



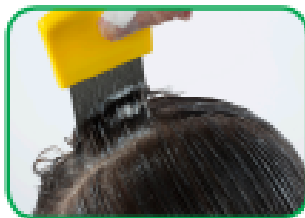
- Make your child comfortable and let them read their favourite book or watch their favourite programme or movie.
- Comb or brush out knots with an ordinary comb. Put lots of conditioner through wet or dry hair.
- Start at the scalp and go all the way down to the hair ends.



- Comb conditioner through hair, using an ordinary comb.



- Change to a fine-tooth head lice comb and comb sections of your child's hair.



- Comb from the roots to the ends of the hair.



- After each comb, wipe the conditioner on to a paper towel or tissue.
- Check the tissue or paper towel for lice and eggs. They're small so look closely!



- Comb every part of the head, section by section. Comb each section at least 4 or 5 times before moving on to the next section.
- Rinse out conditioner.
- If you find lice or eggs, repeat these steps every day until you find no lice for 3 days in a row.
- Check the hair of everyone in the house twice a week for the next 2 weeks to make sure everyone stays clear.

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# Holiday Programme

Term 2 2021

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

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