

Newsletter #12 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 6 August 2021 E ara ake ana i te ūruhi Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou—He mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa - Warm greetings to all.

Welcome to Term 3. I hope you managed to spend some extended time with your children over the recent holiday break. The term got off to a roaring start - with our Epro8 teams competing last week, girls self defence underway, and the "Boy With Wings' performance scheduled for today.

Our learning concept of Belonging takes on a Science focus this term with children looking at 'Our Place in Space'. Our juniors are all taking part in the Kids in Space programme which includes dressing up like an astronaut and it looks like lots of fun. I also noticed children in Tāwhirimātea had been using chocolate and marshmallow to make models representing the different layers of the earth's crust. I imagine that was a very popular activity.

During the holidays we had some work done around the school. The rocks at the western end of the Rapuara play area have been permanently fixed in place to prevent the children from digging around them and creating a hazard. You will probably also have noticed that the bag bays have been relocated to the front of our Learning Studios, and children are getting used to storing their bags correctly on the racks to keep the covered walkway clear. This is the permanent location for the bag bays and there is some re-cladding work to be done once the building project gets fully underway. One of the advantages of having the bag storage at the front is that the units are covered by our security cameras.

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AUGUST

16-20	Scholastic Book Fair Week
16th	Board of Trustees Meeting
20th	Book Character Dress Up
18th	Out Of Zone Ballot Closes
	For Term 4 Enrolments
19th	Book Club Closes
20th	Book Character Dress Up
	Day
20th	Whole School Assembly
26th	Y6 Open Evening
26th	Canterbury Winter
	Tournament
27th	SCHOOL CLOSES—Teacher
	Only Day
SEPTEMBER	
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	Wig Wednesday
20th	Y4 Marae Stay (TM & AH)
21st	Y4 Marae Stay (TWM)

- 23rd Board of Trustees Meeting
- 29th Out of zone ballot closes for Term 1 2022 enrolments

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Proposed Cohort Entry for New Entrants

The Education Act 1989 allows schools to adopt and enforce a cohort entry policy after consulting with their community, and the Rāwhiti BOT has decided to commence consultation on this.

Cohort entry is when new entrants start school in groups through the year rather than on their fifth birthday. There are 2 entry dates in each school term that are determined by the Ministry of Education - one on the first day of term and one at a mid-point during a term. No child is able to start school before they turn 5. Cohort entry is about helping children to settle better in school. There is evidence that start-ing school alongside other children helps them build relationships and supports a smoother entry to school life. Schools that are already using cohort entry believe it offers their children the best start to their school life. It can also mean less disruption for new entrant teachers who can prepare for groups of children arriving on a specific date rather than on an individual and ad hoc basis through the year.

This month we will be sending out additional information along with a link to a google form for you to provide feedback. In the meantime, there are no changes to the enrolment processes for this year.



Liz Weir Principal

Principals Awards Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki



Rongo-mā-tāne

Abby, Ailla, Amelia x2, Aria C, Blake x2, Brooke x2, Dylan, Edie x2, Freida x2, Gabby, Indie, Inka, Isabel x2, Isla-Jade, Kristina x2, Lakey x5, Lily, Lulu, Mahalia, Mia W, Mikayla, Nevaeh, Olive x2, Oliver, Pearl x2, Rad x2, Ricky x2, Samuel, Violet x3



Have you been watching the Olympics??

Parenting Programme - Tuning In To Kids

For parents of Primary School Children there is a six week course starting on *Thursday* 26th August from 10:30am-12:30pm at Youth Alive Trust, learning how to help your child develop emotional intelligence.

Learn tools to better understand your child, help your child to manage their emotions, prevent behaviour problems and teach your child to deal with conflict. Youth Alive had really positive feedback from the Term 1 course, so make a booking asap through: <u>joel.brittenden@yat.org.nz</u> or phone on 020 4177 0038.

PARENT*ZONE*

Lost Glasses? Manaiakalani Questionnaire We have had a number of pairs of glasses that We would love this to be complete by **Friday 27** have been handed in-some have been here a August (Week 5) while. If any of these look As part of our involvement with Manaiakalani and familiar please some to the Woolf Fisher Research we are keen to hear from school office to inspect. you about your child's learning at school. You can complete the short questionnaire here. This information is used alongside staff and learner questionnaires to see a picture of reading at Rawhiti, and also how it looks across our wider school cluster. This information will help form the next steps for our staff development.

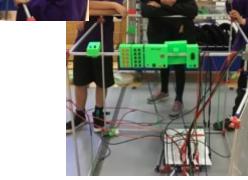
EPro8 Quarter Final

On Tuesday last week, three teams of Year 5 and 6 students took part in the EPro 8 Technology Challenge Quarter Final. They travelled to Cobham Intermediate to compete against 9 other teams. They had to engineer a range of demanding STEAM projects.

Teams *Glitch* and *The Kids with the Brain Gears* attempted to make a safe for artwork that included multiple working alarm systems. The *Big Benny's* tried to make a solar power plant with a moving solar panel. There was a lot of struggle and frustration, along with

moments of sweet victory when teams solved a problem. Everybody is keen to try again next year!





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