



Newsletter #14 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 17 September 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 back!

It has been a smooth return to school for most of our tamariki and we very much appreciate the work parents had done in preparing children to transition back to school after three weeks of learning from home. It has been a very seamless and enjoyable process for the majority of children. The focus here has been on re-establishing routines and structures, re-connecting with teachers and friends, as well as creative and physical learning activities. We know from research on post traumatic events that this is the best way to integrate tamariki back into school. A special congratulations to our tamariki who have shown great resilience and independence this week coming to school.

We also want to sincerely thank all of you for your support, once again, of the Level 2 start and end of day procedures – we are very happy with the way these are running. There is nowhere near the congestion that we thought there might be – thanks to all of you managing the 'kiss and drop' routine. Our teachers have been able to give their full attention to the children at the beginning of each day, and it is great to see children head straight into their Studio before 9am and get started on the learning activities for the day.

I also want to acknowledge all of the Rāwhiti staff who played their part supporting tamariki during the three weeks of Alert Levels 3 and 4. Thank you to the amazing teaching staff who really worked hard to help us connect and map the wellbeing

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#### **SEPTEMBER**

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

## **OCTOBER**

1st Whole School Assembly1st Last Day of Term 3

2-17 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

18th Term 4 starts 18-20 Year 7/8 Camp

25th SCHOOL CLOSED—Labour

Day

27th Y4-8 Athletics







## From The Principal continued ...

and learning of our tamariki. I enjoyed reading all of the blog posts and seeing videos of the creative learning that was taking place at home. Thanks also to our Board of Trustees for their ongoing support and a final thank you to you, our whanau. I know that the Covid Alert Levels provide testing times for many but we appreciate the support you have given us over this extraordinary time.

Will Parents Be Able to Enter the School Grounds Next Week? Only if we return to Level 1. As we need to maintain a register of contact to ensure we can trace those on-site we are asking that all parents remain off-site while we are in Alert Level 2. If for any reason you need to come into the school you cannot enter buildings or classrooms without prior arrangement. You must make an appointment by phoning the office ahead of time or attending the office during its opening hours only. For regulatory contact tracing purposes, please expect your details will be recorded if you do enter the office building. If you need to make contact with your child throughout the day, PLEASE make contact with the school office not via your child's teacher.

#### **Good News**

Congratulations to Courtney Ruske, who teaches in Papatūānuku, and her partner Dave who announced their engagement last weekend. With everything we have experienced over the last month it is great to have something to celebrate.



Welcome to Renee Balcazar who has joined the teaching staff in Papatūānuku while Brogan is on her maternity leave. I know that Renee is enjoying getting to know our children and that the children are excited about the possibility of learning some Spanish, which is Renee's first language.

#### **Year 6 Parents**

If you have not yet informed us of your intentions for your child in 2022 then please take a moment to do so now. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to complete the short form. Please complete it even if you are undecided.

For those parents who requested more information about the Year 7-8 programme, there will be an opporunity to hear more on Tuesday Sept 28th. We will email you directly with the details.

Liz Weir, Principal

## Principals Awards Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki



## Rongo-mā-tāne

Aria, Ava, Brooklyn, Charlie M x3, Charlie W x2, Edie x3, Freida, Gabby, Isaac VDL, Isabel x3, Indie RW, Isla-Jade, Jericho, Korbyn, Lily x2, Luca, Lucas x2, Lulu, Lyle, Mahalia, Mikayla x2, Nevaeh, Olive x3, Oliver, Pearl x2, Ricky, Sione-Pongi, Taison, Tara, Tawera, Toko, Violet x3

### School Grounds Open at 8.30am

We know some of you are worried about children waiting outside the school gates on rainy days - and we share these concerns. There is no need for children to wait outside the gate in the rain provided they arrive after 8.30am. We currently have a very small number of children, who make their own way to school in the morning, arriving way too early. These children need to stay home in the warm for a few more minutes and then make their way to school.

# BOT Notice Do you want to co-opt on as a parent rep?

Board elections are coming up next year and prior to the last elections a small number of people were co-opted onto the Board as a succession planning exercise.

Our current group have skills, knowledge and experience in the fields of business, education, finance, design, project management, and cultural competency. We'd like to give those of you who are considering standing for the Board next year the opportunity to apply for a co-opted position for the remainder of the current board term.

We are looking for people from diverse backgrounds with different life experiences, who can work well with other people to get the best outcomes for everyone in the school community – tamariki, staff and whānau.

Please outline why you'd like the opportunity to be part of the Board of Trustees and what skills you'll bring. Have a look on the school website for the Boards strategic goals. The Board will consider the applications and will advise the future co-opted member/s and the school community early in Term 4.

## Please apply by Monday 18th October to bot@rawhiti.school.nz

It's important to note that co-option is not a guarantee of election. There are no guarantees at all in this process.

## **Cohort Entry—Last chance for feedback**

The <u>Cohort Entry Survey</u> will be closing soon, but we are still interested in your thoughts.

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.

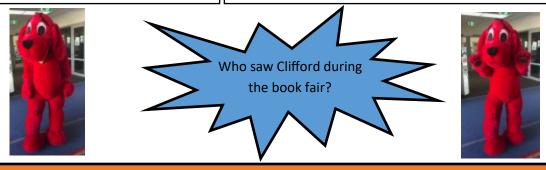
Cohort entry is about helping children to settle better in school. There is evidence that starting school alongside other children helps them build relationships and supports a smoother entry to school life. Schools that are already using cohort entry believe it offers their children the best start to 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.

## **Kiwi Competition Results**

The Kiwi Competitions were held at a the end of Term 2 for those that chose to do it.

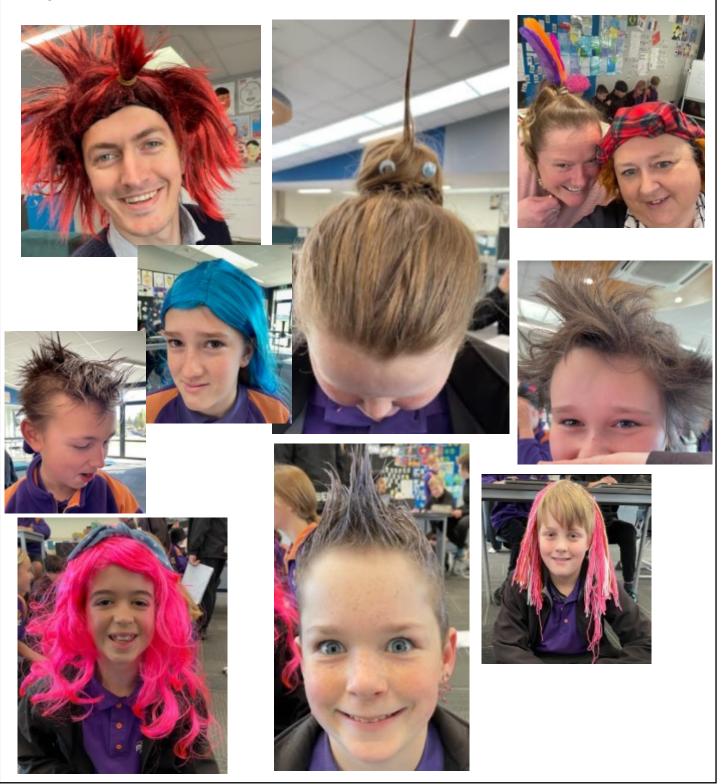
Congratulations to:

- Heath for Merits in English and Science
- Jakob P for Achieved in Science



## Wig Wednesday—What A Colourful Day!

Thank you everyone for your generosity on Wig Wednesday. We raised over \$660 and more is still coming in.



## SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



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(Notices placed here are contingent on space and do not reflect the views or opinions of the school.)



## 2021 Weekly Youth Clubs

Grace Vineyard Beach Campus 111 Seaview Road, New Brighton www.yat.org.nz 2 3881001

## Tamatāne Boys Club



#### Years 1-6



Weekly club especially for boys, run by a team of male leaders with a variety of wild and wacky activities, challenges, sports, games & trips out. Only \$30 a term including an outing.

female leaders with a variety of wild and wacky

Kōtirotiro Girls Club

activities, challenges, sports, games & trips out.

Weekly club especially for girls, run by a team of

Only \$30 a term including an outing.

Thursdays 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Wednesdays 4:00pm - 5:30pm

## ROCK SOLID

#### Years 7-8 Surge

#### Years 9-13



The biggest, craziest club for intermediates in the east with zany challenges, games, team socials, trips out and camps! Only \$30 a term including an outing or \$3 a night plus outing

Friday night extravaganza for teenagers! Join us for some wild activities, trips out, team challenges, camps and chilling with friends. Only \$20 a term or \$3 a night, plus outings.

Fridays 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Fridays 7:00pm - 9:00pm

## BASKETBALL

#### Years 3-6

## KITCHEN KLUB

### Years 6-9



Learn new skills, drills and tricks at our weekly coaching session for children, with Coach Anna. All abilities welcome. \$30 a term.

Mondays 3:30-4:30pm & 4:45-5:45pm



Mondays is all about food! It'll teach the basics of cooking and baking, how to make a variety of sweet and savoury delights for you (+ the family!?) \$50 a term, includes all ingredients.

Mondays 3:30-5:00pm

#### Years 5-9

## Semiors OSCAR

#### Vears 5-8



Lets get mixing, matching, experimenting and creating with all sorts of materials! Guaranteed fun and laughs with creative leaders! \$30 a term including all materials.

Thursdays 4:00pm-5:30pm



This daily programme is all about having fun and getting to chill with others your own age, while doing activities like cooking, sports and crafts. It's \$18 a day, WINZ Subsidies & FREE Van Pick up's !!

Every Weekday 3:00pm-6:00pm

## **AMPLIFY** School of Music

#### Years 1-13

For anyone keen to learn an instrument through a trained tutor. Current options Guitar, drums, bass, piano, vocals and DJ lessons. More info: https://amplify.mymusicstaff.com

In-School & After School By Arrangement

## Beach Tots

#### Parents & Pre-Schoolers



Two weekly parent led playgroups. Tuesdays has a music focus and Thursdays a craft and play focus. \$2 koha. All Welcome! More info at: parenting@yat.org.nz

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30-11:30am

## HoLidays ...

SCHOOL'S

#### School Years 1 - 13

## Junior Holiday Programmes: Years 1-4 . Senior Holiday Programmes: Years 5-9

. Breakaway: Years 7-13

. Babysitting Training for Teens

## CONTACT

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