



Newsletter #16 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 29 October 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 to Term 4. I hope you managed some time with your children over the break. As per usual we have a very busy term ahead, even at Alert Level 2, so please keep an eye on the calendar.

The term started with a bit of a bang for the Year 7&8 students heading off to Wainui camp on the first day. By all accounts they had a fantastic - although rather damp - time. The Christchurch Symphony Orchestra was at school all of last week running workshops for children in Tāwhirimātea and Papatūānuku. Over the week children had 4 lessons with members of the orchestra, working on a piece to perform to the whole school on Friday. It was a fabulous performance - and we are grateful to have been one of the schools chosen by the CSO to work with.

We have recently made three new appointments to our teaching staff. Koha Mason, Fi Glasgow and Emma Burgess will all be joining our permanent teaching staff from the beginning of 2022. We are really looking forward to working with these talented educators - chosen from a really strong field of applicants all wanting to work with our children.

I am not sure what information we filled our school newsletters with prior to Covid's arrival - but below you will find information as to how we are currently operating.

We are currently in Alert Level 2 and while in this Alert Level there are a number of restrictions including:

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Mark Your Calendar

NOVEMBER

- 2&3 Tāwhirimātea Art Gallery Trip
- 8th BOT Meeting, 6pm
- 11th SCHOOL CLOSED—Teacher Only Day
- 12th SCHOOL CLOSED—Show Day
- 19th Whole School Assembly
- 26th PTA Mufti Day for Xmas Raffle

DECEMBER

- 7th Year 8 Formal
- 9th BOT Meeting, 6pm
- 10th Rumbustification Day
- 13th Showcase Assembly 1.15pm
- 14th Leavers Assembly, 6.30pm
- 15th Last day of school:
11am Poroporoaki
12pm School ends



From The Principal continued ...

- Drop off and Pick Ups - these will continue at the gate. If you must come onto school grounds please **wear a mask**. I am concerned at the number of people entering our school without masks and expecting to communicate with our staff. Please wear masks if you have to come onto the school grounds. If you have secondary school aged children picking up siblings after school please share this information with them as they too must wear masks and remain outside the gates while waiting.
- Face Masks on School Buses - The exemption from wearing face coverings for students on school transport has been revoked under the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Alert Level Requirements) Health Order. This means that everyone 12 years and older legally must wear a face covering on school transport services (both Ministry and regional council-operated) at **all alert levels** unless they have an exemption. This includes the bus to technology. If your child has an exemption please provide a copy of this to the school office and we will add this information to their file.
- Unwell Children: Tamariki are to stay at home if they are sick, or displaying any cold or flu like symptoms. We will not be holding children in the sick bay if they have any of these symptoms. We will be making contact with parents, caregivers or emergency contacts to arrange collection. This is in the interest of everyone's health.

Term 4 Events at Alert Level 2

Under the current alert levels, some school events are not able to take place, or have to take place with alternative organisation. Already this term we have seen disruption to the Monday Touch Tournament, the Town Hall Music Festival has been cancelled (for the second year in a row), and the Zone Athletic Sports have also been cancelled. We did hold our Mihi Whakatau to welcome new students yesterday and this has been filmed so that we can share it with you soon. Our Athletic sports went ahead this week - with no spectators. We understand that some of you found this disappointing - we did too - but we are doing our best to meet the requirements placed on schools at Level 2.

The current information states, "...we (Ministry of Education) encourage you to consider adopting a similar stance to government decisions more generally – that is, take a precautionary approach when deciding whether to host a gathering or large event... "Even if your event is considered to be for education purposes, unless it is really necessary to give effect to the curriculum, we recommend you avoid such events until alert level 1. An example of this is prize-givings – though they are an important aspect of school life, they are not a curriculum requirement."

The government has signalled that Alert Level system will be changing to a 'traffic light' system once optimum vaccination levels have been reached, and so we will update you when more information comes to hand.

Fingers crossed that some of the traditional term 4 events will be able to go ahead.

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Mandatory Vaccinations

On 25 October 2021, the COVID-19 Vaccination Order came into effect. This Vaccination Order makes COVID-19 vaccinations mandatory for anyone working onsite at a school who may come into contact with students.

It applies to:

- all school staff (teachers, support and other onsite staff)
- contractors
- volunteers
- anyone else engaged to provide onsite services.

Our vaccination register is already set up as staff have to have had their first jab by 15 November.

This requirement also applies to contractors, volunteers and anyone engaged to provide onsite services. This has an implication for all parents and volunteers who help with coaching, school trips, reading in classrooms, or any parent who is likely to come into contact with our tamariki. They will have to provide proof of vaccinations and be on our register.

Everyone will have to provide proof of vaccination - this will be either by immunisation card being sighted which we will copy and put on file, or an SMS from a health provider until certificates are available.

It's important to note that the Vaccination Order overrides any Privacy Act right to not provide medical information, but the requirement to properly record and store information remains. Please be assured that your information on the confidential register is stored securely.

If you are engaged on our school site in any way e.g. parent helping in a learning studio, you will be contacted for this information shortly.

In the meantime, stay well everyone, and please follow the guidelines as we do our best to protect our Rāwhiti School community.

Noho ora mai,
Liz Weir
Principal



Principals Awards Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki



Rongo-mā-tāne

Abby, Bella, Blake, Brooklyn x2, Charlie M, Charlie W, Gabby, Inka x3, Isaac VDL, Izzy x3, Jaxon R, Jesse x2, Kaia L, Kristian, Lacey x2, Lakey, Leilani x2, Lewis, Makayla x2, Opal x2, Pania, Pearl, Rad, Ricky x2, Sione-Pongi, Tikaia x3, Tilda x2, Xavier, Willow x2

Tawhirimatea

Jukah, Xavier

Teacher Only Day this term

As part of the Teachers Contract we have a number of Teacher Only Days we can take.

This terms Teacher Only Day is going to be held on **Thursday 11 November** so school will be closed.

Learning Studio Placements for Next Year



Planning is well underway for 2022. Although staffing has not yet been finalised we are now looking at the studio placements for next year.

The link below is an opportunity for parents who wish to provide information for us to consider as we make decisions about classes for 2022. Only fill out this form if you have important information that you wish us to take into consideration while making the class placement decision OR you would like to notify us that your child will not be attending Rāwhiti School in 2022.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSezXilsvCVnqUM0DVWdS_sBdJrnzGf_3obbwxUY8jb5DPw1og/viewform

The deadline for registering your thoughts is Friday, November 5th.

Success@Rāwhiti

Congratulations to Aaliyah C who received a Merit award for her recent exam with the Royal Academy of Dance. Well done Aaliyah.



Also well done to Dylan D who placed 3rd in the Thompson Skateboard competition in the weekend.



Hats for Term 4



Our Sun Smart policy requires all children to wear a Rāwhiti School sunhat in Terms 1 and 4.

We have been giving children plenty of reminders of over the last two weeks, and from Monday any children not wearing Rāwhiti hats will be required to sit under the covered area in front of the learning studios during break times. If you still need to buy a hat for your child they are \$12.50 and can be purchased from the school office.

Year 6 Students Visited Tech

Last week our Year 6 students staying at Rāwhiti in 2022 went to technology to get a taster of what they can look forward to next year. Here are some of them sporting their newly made glasses!

**Rāwhiti School Policy Review**

Each term, board members, staff, and/or parents are asked to review and comment on specific policy.

This term there is only one policy being reviewed that parents can give feedback on:

Maori Educational Success

To read and review policies online, please log on to the SchoolsDocs website:

<http://rawhiti.schooldocs.co.nz/>

User name 'Rawhiti', password 'East' or see Kim in the office for a hard copy.

Click on each policy up for review, read through them, then click on the red UNDER REVIEW button and leave your comments.

Feedback is due by the last day of term.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TIKTOK

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around a billion users worldwide.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, themes of suicide and self-harm, or young teens acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely – and since TikTok Jump's introduction in mid-2021, users can view third-party content outside the app.

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CENSORED

EXPLICIT SONGS

TikTok primarily revolves around videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to music. Inevitably, some featured songs will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the app's young user-base, there is a risk that children may view older users' videos and then be inclined to imitate any explicit language or suggestive actions.

W&H*!

TIKTOK FAME

The app has created its own celebrities: Charli D'Amelio and Lil Nas X, for example, were catapulted to fame by exposure on TikTok – leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become "TikTok famous". While most aspiring stars hoping to be the next big thing will find it difficult, setbacks may in turn prompt them to go to even more drastic lengths to get noticed.

BEHOLD

HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY

Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and reacting to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but – because of its abundance of teen users – TikTok has experienced problems with predators contacting young people.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social media platforms, TikTok can be extremely addictive. It can be hugely entertaining – but that also makes it hard to put down. As well as the punchy nature of the short video format, the app's ability to keep users intrigued about what's coming next means it's easy for a 5-minute visit to turn into a 45-minute stay.

IN-APP SPENDING

There's an in-app option to purchase "TikTok coins", which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that a user likes. Prices range from 99p to an eye-watering £99 bundle. TikTok is also connected with Shopify, which allows users to buy products through the app.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT

Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they've viewed on the app. Ask their opinion on what's appropriate and what isn't. Explain why they shouldn't give out personal details or upload videos which reveal information like their school or home address. In the long run, teaching them to think critically about what they see on TikTok could help them to become social-media savvy.

MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS

The default setting for all under 16s' accounts is 'private'. Keeping it that way is the safest solution; it means only users who your child approves can watch their videos. The 'Stitch' (which lets users splice clips from other people's videos into their own) and 'Duet' (where you build on another user's content by recording your own video alongside their original) features are now only available to over 16s. This might clash with your child's ambitions of social media stardom, but it will fortify their account against predators.

LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING

With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok is a relatively safe space. However, in case something does slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report inappropriate content and get them to come to you about anything upsetting that they've seen. TikTok allows users to report anyone breaching its guidelines, while you can also block individual users through their profile.

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

'Family Pairing' lets parents and carers link their own TikTok account to their child's. Through your mobile, you can control your child's safety settings remotely – including limiting screen time, managing their ability to exchange messages (and with whom) and blocking a lot of age-inappropriate content. TikTok's Safety Centre also provides resources for parents and carers to support online safety among families. These resources can be found on their website.

USE RESTRICTED MODE

In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' section, you can filter out inappropriate content (specific content creators or hashtags, for instance) using 'Restricted Mode'. This can then be locked with a PIN. You should note, though, that the algorithm moderating content isn't totally dependable – so it's wise to stay aware of what your child is watching.

MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child to manage their time on it in the 'Digital Wellbeing' section. Under 'Screen Time Management', you can limit the daily permitted time on the app (in increments ranging from 40 minutes to two hours). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TikTok without wasting the whole day.

Meet Our Expert

Parveen Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



SOURCES: www.tiktok.com



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Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori

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Free Family Movie Night Saturday 30th October 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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News from the Central South Island

The Risks of Sexting

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Come try out Baseball

CHRISTCHURCH
Astros ★

Baseball for U13 and U16 teams
Training Tuesday 5pm – 6.30pm
Sunday morning games
Avonhead Park
Term 4 **FREE** for everyone

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/christchu>

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/chri>



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ENCOUNTER

WAI PARA

FAMILY SUMMER CAMP

Join us for a full or half week from the
9th – 15th January 2022
143 Darnley Road, RD3, Amberley

Prices from **\$138** for a half week for adults

Our prices include accommodation, catering and onsite activities
(excludes optional cost for offsite activities)

To register go to our website: www.waiparaadventure.nz
or find us on Facebook: Waipara Adventure Centre

Waipara Adventure Centre are excited to announce the arrival of our new ENCOUNTER FAMILY SUMMER CAMP.

Our family camps are Christian based and we are happy to announce Sam & Jodi Tolley from Church Unlimited who will be the guest speaker for our Encounter Camp. The ministry times are filled with programmes for all ages with speakers, time to connect, music and more, which are all optional.

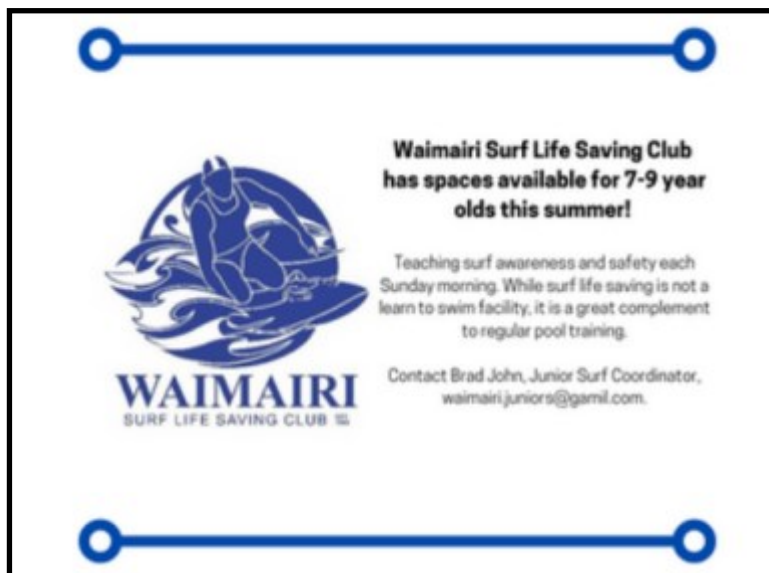
Registrations are currently open for our Breakaway Family camp held from 27th December – 2nd January but spaces are limited and filling up fast, so why not check out our Encounter Family Camp.

With our new Encounter Family Camp you can choose from a fun filled half week excursion or how about stay for the full week with plenty of activities to fill in your time or just sit and relax in the sun with friends and family.

So come along and enjoy our new family adventure from the 9th-15th January 2022 at the Waipara Adventure Centre.

Just click on the link below which will take you to our booking site or if you have any questions just email us at bookings@waiparaadventurecentre.nz

<https://waipara.venue360.me/public/events/homepage>



Waimairi Surf Life Saving Club
has spaces available for 7-9 year olds this summer!

Teaching surf awareness and safety each Sunday morning. While surf life saving is not a learn to swim facility, it is a great complement to regular pool training.

Contact Brad John, Junior Surf Coordinator,
waimairijuniors@gmail.com.

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SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB