



Newsletter #17 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 11 November 2021

*E ara ake ana i te ūruhi*  
*Rising Above The Ordinary*

## ***From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki***

Kia ora koutou,

Today's newsletter focuses mainly on the implications of the Public Health Order requiring mandatory vaccinations for people working in schools, and what that means for parents.

### **What does the Covid vaccine mandate mean for parent volunteers at Rāwhiti School?**

These are unusual times, as we are all aware, and it has not been easy to navigate the large amount of information being sent to us regarding the mandated vaccine requirements. While it is clear what is required of teachers, board members, teacher aides/learning assistants, employees and onsite support teams and contractors, it is now evident that the mandated vaccine requirements also apply to volunteer helpers who are onsite at school when children are present.

### **What are the requirements and how will these apply to you?**

The mandate is clear that any person who may have contact with children in a school, or will be present when children are present at school, is required to comply with the terms of the mandate – first dose by 15 November 2021 and fully vaccinated by 1 January 2022.

This includes unpaid workers such as volunteers and any members of the community who are on site when children are present.

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## **Mark Your Calendar**

### **NOVEMBER**

- 11th SCHOOL CLOSED—Teacher Only Day
- 12th SCHOOL CLOSED—Show Day
- 15th Last day for photo orders
- 19th Whole School Assembly
- 26th PTA Mufti Day for Xmas Raffle
- 30th Children's University Graduation, 5.30pm

### **DECEMBER**

- 7th Year 8 Formal
- 9th BOT Meeting, 5pm
- 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 ...*****Who will this include?**

If you are one of our valued volunteers for work such as reading with the children, helping out in the class, on a trip/camp or with sports or any of the other myriad of parent help roles we have you joining us for during the school day, you will now need to provide us with evidence of being vaccinated.

**What does this mean if I just want to visit school during the school day?**

If you wish to come and collect your child or drop something off during the school day, you must sign in at the office. You do not need to be vaccinated to enter the school at this time. You will however, need to remain masked during this time, and we ask that you do not enter your child's Learning Studio.

**What do I need to do if I am visiting after school hours?**

Parents are able to attend after school meetings with teachers and out of school events without providing vaccination evidence at this time. We do ask that if you are entering any school buildings you remain masked at all times.

**What Do I Do Now?**

If you wish to be able to provide parent help in your Learning Studio, support with any upcoming end of year trips, go on school camps, or be a parent helper in any capacity, we need to see evidence that you have received at least one dose of the vaccine before November 15th. The office will take a copy of your proof of vaccination and you will be added to our confidential vaccination register. Alternatively, you can email your proof of vaccination to [admin@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:admin@rawhiti.school.nz).

While this is not how we would like to connect with our community, all schools are obliged to follow the government mandated guidelines and we are also mindful of our role in supporting the nation's Covid response. To be clear, The Order doesn't require parents to be vaccinated where they are on site for the purposes of "being a parent" (as it were).

Please contact me [principal@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:principal@rawhiti.school.nz) if you have any questions or concerns.

Noho ora mai,

**Liz Weir**

**Principal**

***Principals Awards/Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaiki in Rongo-mā-tāne***

**Week 1&2:** Abby, Aria C, Bella, Blake, Brooklyn x6, Charlie, Charlie M, Gabby, Inka x7, Isaac VDL, Izzy x3, Jaxon R, Jesse x2, Kaia L, Kristian x2, Lacey x2, Lakey, Leilandi x2, Lewis, Lulu, Maddie, Mia H, Mikayla x2, Opal x2, Pania, Pearl, Rad, Ricky x2, Sione-Pongi, Tahlia, Tikaia x4, Tilda x3, Tommy, Violet, Willow x2, Xavier

**Week 3&4:** Abby x6, Ailla x7, Amelia, Aria C x<sup>0</sup>, Bella, Blake, Charlie M x9, Isabel, Izzy, Jacques, Joel, Lakey x3, Mahalia x2, Margaret x3, Opal x2, Pearl, Ricky x3, Tara, Tāwera x2, Te Ariki, Tikaia, Tilda x2, Toko x2, Tommy x3, Zoe.



### School Accounts

There is currently over \$14,000 outstanding on school accounts for things like sport, touch, camps, Art Gallery trip, Bridle path transport, Antarctic Space visit, Ferrymead, uniforms and the take home component of technology.

We appreciate your support in contributing towards your child's experiences at school.

You can come in to the office to pay by cash or eftpos (please wear your mask and scan/sign in) or you can make online payments into the school account 12-3240-0211804-01—put your child's name as a reference.

**If you want to view your account details, click on "Finance" in the Hero app.** Contact Kim in the office if you're not sure how to access your account information in Hero or if you would like to know if you owe anything.

## Summertime Reading Challenge

### Kōrero pukapuka ā te wā o raumati 2021/2022

Christchurch City Libraries - Kids and Teens - ages 0 to 18 - tell us about your summer reads in three words and be in to win!

Summertime Reading Challenge is on from Wednesday 1st December 2021 to Monday 28 February 2022.

For paper entries [click here](#). Entries also available in each learning studio and library. Entries can be returned to any Christchurch City Library or to the school office.

To support the Summer Reading programme the school library will be open to students on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> December to issue books and to whānau from 3.00pm to 3.30pm.



## Weetbix TRYathlon

The Weet-Bix TRYathlon Foundation is set up to give less fortunate Kiwi kids the chance to participate in the Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon by providing subsidised entries. Each series, the Weet-Bix TRYathlon Foundation reach out to 120 schools to provide them with discounted entries and **WE** are one of those lucky schools!



If you would like to enter you need to enter via our school group- Rāwhiti for the AM race on Sunday, 6 March 2022 at Jellie Park Burnside. **Please note that no teacher will be able to be present at the event** (I have Athletics Nationals on the same weekend).

To enter a parent or caregiver must be able to transport and support the participant on the day.

### Discount Code – FDTCHRAW

The above code will provide 10 students with a discount off the entry price\*. Simply apply the discount at the online checkout when entering at home.

If you have any questions please contact Courtney - [courtneyr@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:courtneyr@rawhiti.school.nz)

## Swimming Pool

The swimming pool will be open from Monday. There will also be lunchtime swimming for Year 4-8s.



## 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.

## School Photos

Last chance to order school photos and make payment is Monday 15th November. All orders are being collected at the end of the day Monday.





## Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hāpori

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**GIRLS GOT BAT!**

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*Keen to play cricket? Come along and learn how to bat, bowl, field and feel confident out on the pitch?*

**Target result: to enter a girls cricket team in Term 1 2022**

- Wednesday's Weeks 3 - 8
- Starting Wednesday 3rd November
- 3:30pm-4:30pm -
- 9 year olds - 13 year olds

Outside the New Brighton Cricket clubrooms, Shaw Avenue, Rawhiti Domain

- \$30 -

**Follow the link to register :**

<http://www.easterncommunity.co.nz/programme/go-girls>

 Eastern Community Sport and Recreation Incorporated

### Learn To Surf

For ages 8-14 years there is SURFKIDS programme.  
[CLICK HERE for more info](#)



The NZ Blood Service mobile collections team will be in New Brighton soon and we need 30+ more Lifesavers.

*Can you lend an arm?*

[New Brighton mobile blood drive](#)

**Where:** Grace Vineyard Church, 111 Seaview Road

**When:** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 1:00pm-6:00pm

[Appointments recommended](#)

Appointments help to minimise your time away from work or home and help us to manage blood stock levels and donor flow. You can book using one of the following methods...

- Download the NZ Blood Service donor app and book on there
- Book on our website [www.nzblood.co.nz](http://www.nzblood.co.nz)
- Call us on 0800 448 325

Please eat & drink plenty before you come along to donate (at least 1.5L of water)  
 And bring your ID – donor card or photo ID

*Eligibility criteria applies* – look online or call 0800 448 325 to check if you can give blood on Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Nov.



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AMERICAN FOOTBALL CANTERBURY  
PRESENTS



**JUNIOR  
FLAG FOOTBALL**  
**FOR 10-14 YEAR OLDS**

Are you interested in playing American Football?

Flag Football provides a safe, fun introduction to the sport.

We have a five-a-side junior competition for boys and girls aged 10-14. Games will be played during Term 1 2022 on Friday evenings at Marshland Domain, Prestons Road. First games are on Friday 18 February 2022.

Get a bunch of friends together and enter a team or register as an individual and join one of our already established teams.

**SPACES ARE LIMITED, SO BE IN QUICK!  
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE ON 1 FEBRUARY OR ONCE THE COMPETITION IS FULL!**

No experience or equipment is necessary. Optional training provided.

For more information about the competition and how to register, head to our Canterbury Junior Flag Football Facebook page [www.facebook.com/CanterburyJuniorFlagFootball/](https://www.facebook.com/CanterburyJuniorFlagFootball/) or email [juniorflagfootball@gmail.com](mailto:juniorflagfootball@gmail.com).

## What's On in Christchurch This Summer

Given the current uncertainty around events, the CCC have made the difficult decision to not print the usual hard-copy brochure for the up-coming 2021/2022 summer season.

[CLICK HERE TO LINK DIRECTLY TO THEIR WEBSITE](#)

## Pasifika online nutrition course

Join our Pasifika online nutrition course, delivered across four interactive one-hour sessions.

Learn more about:

- the foods our body needs each day
- the difference between good and bad fats
- how to read food labels
- how much sugar is in our food and drink.

Each session includes a cooking demonstration where you will learn how to cook a healthy, quick and cheap meal for your family.

**Date:** Tuesday 23 November  
Thursday 25 November  
Tuesday 30 November  
Thursday 2 December

**Where:** Online - Microsoft Teams

**Time:** Midday to 1pm

**Cost:** FREE



**Register now**  
[heartfoundation.org.nz/pasifika-nutrition-course](https://heartfoundation.org.nz/pasifika-nutrition-course)

Registrations close 16 November at 5pm.

For more information email: [info@pacificheartbeat.org.nz](mailto:info@pacificheartbeat.org.nz).

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# Brighter Together...

The Greater New Brighton Community Leadership Group are progressing with finding the best way to spend \$2M in our hood.

Next step is for you to have your say on where the money goes...

You are invited to a presentation of a review of more than 20 consultations post-2011 on the needs of the Greater New Brighton community.

**COMMUNITY SUGGESTIONS FALL INTO 4 THEMES**

- Improve / beautify the mall
- Provide / improve community facilities
- Improve / create connection routes within, to and across Greater New Brighton
- Create space for gatherings / events

At these meetings we will be seeking feedback on which of these themes and ideas should have priority.



**GREATER  
NEW BRIGHTON**

Greater New Brighton is a community-led development programme to enhance the social and economic environment in the Greater New Brighton area, funded by CEAT.

**Public Meetings:**

**Tues 16th Nov**  
5.30 - 7.30pm  
New Brighton Union Methodist Church  
24 Union St

**Thu 18th Nov**  
6.30 - 8.30pm  
North New Brighton Community Centre  
88 Marine Parade

**Mon 22nd Nov**  
6.30 - 8.30pm  
South New Brighton Surf Life Saving Club  
185 Marine Parade

**Q: WHAT IS COMMUNITY-LED DEVELOPMENT?**  
Community-led development is about local people and iwi in the community, taking the lead, rather than others from outside. Building local leadership involves all of community, supporting people to develop their strengths and work together.

**Q: WHAT IS CEAT MONEY?**  
The Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust will provide up to \$2 million for 1-2 projects that have been selected by the community to enhance the social and economic environment in the greater New Brighton area.

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