



Newsletter #18 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 10 December 2021

E ara ake ana i te ūruhi
Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou

And just like that - the school year is done—only a few days left!

Last week we held a graduation ceremony for the children who have completed their course of study at The Children's University, and then earlier this week we hosted the annual dinner for Year 8 students here at school - a first for us - with staff and students sharing a meal together to celebrate as a group the end of their time at primary school.

The Rāwhiti Rumbustification today has once again proved to be a highlight for many children who will have a fun day on crazy bikes, bouncy castles, and different activities in every studio.

This will be the last newsletter for the year and I want to take the opportunity to thank all those who have supported our school. In particular our Board of Trustees whose work is often unnoticed but never the less is extremely important, especially dealing with all the new regulations for schools that have emerged this year.

Thank you to our PTA whose good work has been limited this year but what they have achieved has been important to us and our tamariki.

Thank you to those parents and caregivers that have been able to support us in some other ways during this tricky time and a huge thank you to all those who sent messages of support. These mean a lot to us.

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**Mark Your
Calendar**

DECEMBER 2021

- 10th Rumbustification Day
- 13th Showcase Assembly
1.15pm
- 14th Leavers Assembly, 1.30pm
- 15th Last day of school:
11am Poroporoaki
12.15pm School ends

JANUARY 2022

- 27, 28 School Office Open from
9am-1pm
- 31st School Office Open from
8.30am—3pm

FEBRUARY 2022

- 1st Goal Setting Day
- 2nd First Day of Instruction
- 7th SCHOOL CLOSED—
Waitangi Day Observed



From The Principal continued ...

But most of all I'd like to thank our wonderful staff. They have had to pivot constantly as new guidelines and requirements have come at us thick and fast. They have kept the focus firmly on our tamariki and their learning. We are a whānau - teachers, admin, learning support, caretaker, and leadership team all focused on making Rāwhiti School a more than ordinary experience for our children.

There is still plenty happening here at school - so here is a rundown of next week for you.

Monday Dec 13th:

- Showcase Assembly for Rāwhiti Students
- 2022 Information envelopes coming home including class placements, stationery lists etc

Tuesday Dec 14th:

- Rongo-mā-tāne 'Big Day Out' at the Whale Pool
- Year 8 Leavers' Assembly 1.30pm

Wednesday Dec 15th:

- Poroporoaki in each Learning Studio
- School finishes at mid day.

Who can be involved?

Schools continue to operate at Alert Level 2 through to the end of this year. From the beginning of 2022 schools will follow the guidelines of the new 'traffic light' Covid Protection Framework. This means that we are unable to accommodate parents and whānau at the Showcase Assembly, Leavers' Assembly and Poroporoaki.

That is because these are considered to be 'events' and therefore numbers would have to be limited, and also restricted to those who have a Vaccination Passport. This would apply to our own Year 8 students who are over the age of 12, and we have no desire to exclude them from their own leaving event.

Both of the assemblies will be recorded and made available to the school community.

Staff Farewells

In the last newsletter we mentioned some of our permanent staff who are leaving, and next week we will be farewelling some staff who have been working at Rāwhiti this year but are moving on to new challenges:

- **Judith Boeren** leaves the Tāne Mahuta team to follow her heart and move to the North Island with her partner, Alfie. Judith left us once before and then returned in 2020 due to Covid - so we are hopeful that she will be back at some stage in the future! Judith has done a great job of organising school sport this year and we will miss her positivity and efficiency.

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From The Principal continued ...

- **Beth Love-Smit** leaves the Tāwhirimātea team to join her partner, Ash, in Auckland. Beth has won a job at Ormiston Primary School where there are over 1000 primary aged pupils! Beth has been involved in leading the choir this year, and has completed all of the requirements to attain her full teacher registration.
- **Marian Rait** leaves the Ata Hapara team and returns to her position at Papanui Primary School where she is keen to establish a bilingual programme.
- **Talei Stuart-Eason** leaves the Papatūānuku team to take up a position in the bilingual programme at Te Waka Unua School. Talei joined us in Term 1 when she became the 5th teacher in Rongo-mā-tāne, and then transitioned a group of learners through to Papatūānuku in Term 2.
- **Jan Robertson** leaves the Rongo-mā-tāne team and is making the most of her early childhood training in a new position at Nova Montessori School. The team will miss Jan's calm presence and also her sense of humour.
- **Scott Gorrie** leaves our learning support team - for the second time! Scott joined the Tāwhirimātea team again as a Teacher Aide part way through this year. The team has clearly made an impact on Scott as he is keen to pursue teacher training in the new year.

Thank you for all your support throughout the year. Wishing you a safe and happy holiday. Ko koe ki tena, ko ahau ki tenei kiwai o te kete.

Noho ora mai, **Liz Weir, Principal**

**Principals Awards****Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki****Rongo-mā-tāne**

Amelia, Ashlea, Ayla, Bella, Blake x3, Brooke, Oliver, Charlie M x5, Charlie W, Edie, Gabby x3, Indie, Inka x4, Isabel, Izzy, Jax, Jaxon R, Jesse x2, Lakey x2, Lewis, Lulu, Maddie, Mahalia x3, Olive x2, Olivia, Pania, Ricky x2, Samu, Tahlia, Tara x3, Tommy, Travis, Wyatt, Zoe

Tāne Mahuta

Joel Tiffin

**Hells Pizza Challenge**

Well done to all our readers who took part in the Hells Pizza 2021 Reading Challenge this year.



It was announced yesterday that due to all your reading and earning free pizza during this challenge, we are one of the schools that has won a prize pack which includes a selection of finalist books from the 2021 New Zealand Book Awards for Children and Young Adults. Well done everyone.

Check out this years summer reading challenge later in the newsletter.

Summer Learning Journey

The 2021 Summer Learning Journey - Whakanuia te Raumati starts on December 13th. It's not too late for tamariki to register.

Requirements to Participate:

Access: You need access to a digital and the internet

Bloggng: You need to have made at least 10 blog posts and 10 comments.

Cybersmart: Learners have engaged with Cybersmart learning in 2021.

Important links:

[Summer Learning Journey site](#)

[Registration Open Now](#) (Te Ara Tūhura)



13th December - 21st January



Register now online
slj.manaiakalani.org



Thank you Rāwhiti School PTA!

What a wonderful selection of books we've purchased for the Rāwhiti School library. Look out for these books in our library in 2022!



Summertime Reading Challenge – Kōrero pukapuka ā te wā o raumati 2021/2022

The Summertime Reading Challenge has now started!

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 13th & 14th December to issue books and to whānau from 3pm to 3.30pm (Tuesday only).



Farewell to Sharyn Brook

Yesterday we held a retirement function for Sharyn who has been a teacher aide for 28 years. Many of her friends, family and colleagues from through the years were able to come and support her as we farewelled Sharyn.

We wish Sharyn all the best in her retirement. We know the children will miss her very much.



More ICAS Results

The last of the ICAS results have come in and congratulations to the following students who did well in the exams:

Maths

Distinction—Travis M

Merit—Maeve, Jatin

Credit—Jeremiah, Carys, Alex, Elliot, Suhaib, Kaeden

Science

Credit—Jeremiah, Freya



Children's University Graduation

Last week the graduation ceremony was held for our students who completed hours of learning outside school to earn an award, a certificate, a diploma or a postgrad degree. We were the only school to have all our students graduate so well done to all students who were recognised and to Helen P who coordinated the programme ensuring that the students had lots of opportunities to get their hours up. Over 3000 hours of study was completed by our 40 students over the course of the year.



Year 8 Formal

This week the Year 8 formal was held at school, due to Covid restrictions, but that didn't stop the students from having a great night. There was a formal sit down dinner, dancing, a photo booth and karaoke. Well done to all the students for the amazing decorating of the hall and to all the staff that came together to still make this a special night for our Year 8 leavers.

There were so many photos taken but here are a selection of them.



Year 8 Formal continued ...



Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori

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LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE



EDUCATIONAL CODING HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

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Ages 9 to 18
60m length (1 activity)
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Exciting news! Coding NZ is offering a free 1 hour tutored holiday coding activity for students in years 6 to 13.



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**Touch Rugby & Cricket Fun Day
with Touch Canterbury and
Canterbury Cricket**

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*Keen to come along and have some fun learning
Touch Rugby and Cricket skills?*


When:
**Monday 20th December (All Girls) &
Wednesday 22nd December (Boys and Girls)**


Time:
**10:00am-12:00pm - Touch Rugby
1:00pm-3:00pm - Cricket**

Age:
8 year olds - 13 year olds

Cost:
**\$15 for 4 hours
\$8 for 2 hours**

Follow the link to register :
<http://www.easterncommunity.co.nz/programme/touch-rugby-and-cricket-fun-day/>





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](#)

Touch Rugby and Cricket Fun Day Eastern Community Sport & Recreation Inc

Join us on Monday 20th December (All Girls) and Wednesday 22nd December (Boys and Girls) for some ultimate sporting fun before Christmas.

Sessions run :

10:00am - 12:00pm (Touch Rugby) &
1:00pm - 3:00pm (Cricket)

Please register below if you scroll down to the bottom of this page and hit "Fill out Registration Form"

www.easterncommunity.co.nz

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Act2 Drama Group proudly presents

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Directed by Andrew Murphy and Fay Barnes



Times:
 Sunday 9th January, 11am & 2pm
 Monday 10th January to Friday 14th January, 6.30 pm
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 Saturday 15th January, 11am & 2pm

Venue:
 Merivale Lane Theatre,
 Rangitiki Girls High School,
 10 Merivale Lane, Christchurch

Tickets:
 Book at: act2drama.co.nz

Booking is essential.
 \$11.00 PP or family concession
 \$45.00 (2 adults and 3 children or 1 adult and 4 children)
 Children under 3 are free but will be required to sit on a parent/guardian's knee.
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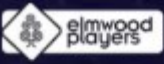


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