



Newsletter #3 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 4 March 2022

E ara ake ana i te ūruhi
Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou

You will be really pleased to know that here at school life is as normal as it can be. Tamariki are still learning, playing and generally getting on with life. Other than our now normal safety measures we don't dwell on COVID.

On Wednesday of this week our competitive swimmers took part in the senior school swimming sports - a much quieter affair without any spectators. While there are no inter-school swimming competitions planned at the current Red Level of the Protection Framework, we thought it was still important to identify our own champion swimmers so that we have a team ready to enter once the restrictions are lifted.



The welfare of our students is always top of our mind. With the deeply sad events unfolding in the Ukraine, we are mindful that this may be having an impact on some of our students, especially those who are from and have family and friends in the Ukraine and Russia. This is also being heavily covered in the media, and the reporting and content has been very harrowing and may cause anxiety for our wider student community. Kindness and respect for our students who may have European connections is especially important in these very challenging times.

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Mark Your Calendar

MARCH

- 7-11 Walk/Wheel To School Wk
- 22nd Y8 Self Defence
- 31st Board of Trustees Meeting

APRIL

- 12th Last Day of Term 1
- 13th Teacher Only Day—School Closed
- 14th Teacher Only Day—School Closed
- 15th Good Friday

MAY

- 2nd 1st Day of Term 2



*From The Principal continued ...***COVID Response**

Living in a pandemic world is a movable feast of information. Here at school we receive a huge volume of information, try to distill it down to what is most relevant for whānau, and then get it out to you all in a timely manner. Sometimes, the requirements change the next day! We will always endeavor to get information out to you as quickly as possible.

New Zealand's COVID-19 response continues amid much larger numbers of daily cases. You may well have seen the headlines in the media about the numbers of cases being seen in schools. Please don't be alarmed by this. It is only natural as cases in our community increase, they will appear in our school. We have really good systems in place to respond to this and to keep any spread of the virus – should it appear – to a minimum.

Our school will communicate with our community **when we have a confirmed positive case of a student in our school**, as per MOE and MOH guidelines. However, at the time of writing this newsletter, we have not been made aware of any positive cases of COVID amongst our student population. Please get in touch with us as soon as you can if your child has tested positive for COVID-19. You can email admin@rawhiti.school.nz or phone the school office 388-9519 and leave a message at any time, including weekends.

While we are in Phase 3 of the Omicron response, **only confirmed cases and their household contacts need to self-isolate**. Everyone else, including those who may have had close contact with the case but aren't in the household, must continue to monitor really closely for any symptoms of COVID-19.

Finally, we know how hard the impacts on COVID-19 have been for many families in New Zealand. If you know of a family in our community who is struggling, please encourage them to reach out for support for example to access food, medicine, or access financial support: [Help is available – COVID-19 Health Hub](#).

If you have any concerns about sending your child to school, please do get in touch. We are here to help.

2021 School Wide Achievement

At the end of each year we analyse student achievement in Reading, Writing and Maths across the school to look for trends. Prior to 2020, Overall Teacher Judgements (OTJs) were made to determine which curriculum level a child was achieving at.

In 2020 we switched to goals based reporting in Linc-Ed Hero. The breakdown of the goals required to be met at each level of the curriculum has given teachers a more comprehensive understanding of the skills required to progress through the curriculum levels.

After two consecutive years of school being disrupted due to lock-downs, we were interested to see if that had any any impact on the 2021 levels of achievement across the schools, as had been predicted by some.

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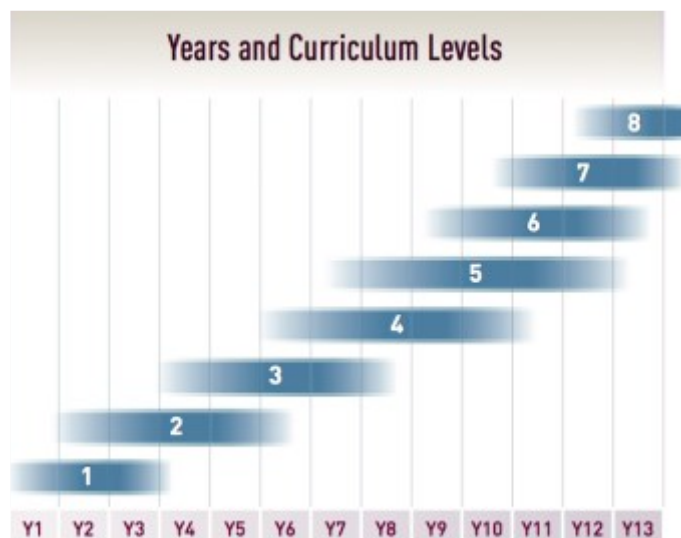
We are very pleased to report that our 2021 data shows increased levels of achievement in Reading, Writing and Maths.

Reading: 84% of children achieving At or Above the expected curriculum levels, up from 78% at the end of 2020.

Writing: 75.4% of children achieving At or Above the expected curriculum levels, up from 69.5% at the end of 2020.

Maths: 79% of children achieving At or Above the expected curriculum levels, up from 76% at the end of 2020.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa,
Liz Weir, Principal

**Principals Awards****Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki**

Rongo-mā-tāne: Autumn, Charlie x8, Izzy, Kahurangi, Kristina, Lacey, Leilani, Maddy x5, Mason x3, Mikayla, Nevaeh, Pearl x3, Te Ariki, Tikaia, Travis x2, William x3.

Papatūānuku: Abby, Aria, Ashleigh x7, Carter x3, Gabby x3, Geordie, Indie, Mahalia x3, Mia P, Moses x6, Nixon x2, Nova x2, Rory x2, Zoe

**Walk or Wheel To School Week**

Our school is once again participating in this Christchurch City Council event. The week encourages students to walk, scoot, skate or bike to school.

Students who participate will have a passport to fill out which puts them in the draw for prizes.

[CLICK HERE](#) for a link to the Facebook page

**Road Safety**

Please remember that the red **speed hump** is **NOT** a **pedestrian crossing**. Cars do not have to stop for pedestrians here, and there have been a number of close calls lately with students and parents crossing in front of cars without looking and checking.

The safest place to cross is at the manned crossing outside the main school gate.

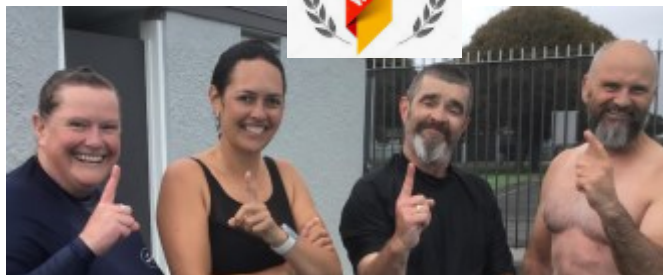
Y4-8 Swimming Sports

Year 4- 8 swimming sports were held on Wednesday even with trying weather conditions.

Well done to all the students who participated swimming in either 1 length or 2 length events. It was great to see students challenging themselves and giving it a go.

Congratulations also to the staff relay team who narrowly beat the two Year 7 & 8 teams.

Unfortunately there is no Eastern Zone competition scheduled at this stage.



Mana Ake—Wellbeing Websites

Mana Ake website has a section on Big Worries - Mana Ake which is particularly relevant with what's going on in the world currently.

Parents going to this site can be assured of finding up-to-date and quality information on wellbeing and parenting skills. There is also a section to assist families who are requiring financial assistance. <https://manaake.health.nz/supporting-your-child/need-more-help/>

Other useful website:

<https://realparents.org/>

<https://parentingplace.nz/>

Parental Support

Rawhiti Primary School, in conjunction with the wellbeing service Mana Ake – Stronger for Tomorrow, are delighted to be able to offer a new opportunity for parents at our school.

We are arranging one-to-one once a month for parents to meet with a Mana Ake worker to bring concerns or worries you might have around your child and gain assistance or tips for things that might be helpful for your parenting or whānau life.

Carol is a Social Worker with Mana Ake; she will be the person you can access a dedicated 45-minute time slot with.

Times with Carol will be available strictly by appointment, phone, text or email 027 293 4440, carold@psusi.org.nz if you would like to take up this option. It is possible to arrange times via zoom or in person at school.

Available times are Monday mornings or Friday afternoons.

Walk or Wheel to School Week

Monday 7 March – Friday 11 March



Join us for Walk or Wheel to School Week, by getting to school in any active way that you can! We'll be celebrating by having a different theme each day, with competitions and prizes to reward those children who actively travel to school.

Check out our cool themes below:

Day	Theme	What does it involve?
Monday	Move It Monday	It's time to get moving. What will you choose for your first active commute? Walk? Run? Bike? Scooter? Skate? Or will it be a hop, a skip and a jump?
Tuesday	Trash Tuesday	Let's take care of our environment. How many pieces of rubbish can you pick up and put in the bin on your way to school? (Remember to wash your hands!)
Wednesday	Walk or Wheel Day	Yay! Today is Walk or Wheel Day. Get decorating - who will arrive on the best-dressed wheels?
Thursday	Think about it Thursday	Think about how you've been getting to school this week. Was it fun? What did you enjoy? If you usually come by car, would you want to walk or wheel more often?
Friday	Funky Feet Friday	Put your best feet forward! Wear your funkiest footwear – wheelies, gumboots, footy boots, flippers, or jazz up your sneakers with glitter, tinsel, feathers. Just get creative!

Fill out your Walk or Wheel to School passport each day that you actively travel to school. At the end of the week, hand it in to:

Enter details here

and you'll be in the draw to win one of two scooter and helmet combos! You can also check out our Facebook event for more prizes up for grabs!

For more information on Walk or Wheel to School Week, visit:

ccc.govt.nz/walkorwheel

Christchurch
City Council 

Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hāpori

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ADVENTURE
PLUS!



SCOUTS

Aotearoa

NORTH BEACH SCOUT GROUP







North Beach Scouts currently has spaces for ages 5 - 18

Join us to

Enjoy new Adventurers, Experience the outdoors, Make new connections, and Gain confidence

For more information visit our Website, Facebook page or send us an email






Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hillaryventures> Email: northbeach@group.scouts.nz Website: <https://scouts.nz/groups/north-beach-scout-group>



Market

Sunday 27th March

9am – 12noon

Pioneer Stadium, Lyttelton Street

Buy & Sell New
& Pre-loved
all things maternity,
babies, kids & tweens

ALL in
ONE
Place!

Contact us via
[Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/fbbtmarket) or on
fbbtmarket@gmail.com
to host a stall,
make a booking or
for more information

NEXT CHAPTER
PARENTING

Offering
The PARENT SURVIVAL KIT

PARENTING
COURSE

- Do you find yourself yelling at your child more often than laughing with your child
- Do you feel you have lost touch with your child
- Do you feel frustrated and find yourself saying the same things over and over again with no result



TOPICS COVERED

COMMUNICATION	CHOICES/CONSEQUENCES	COMPLIANCE
EMPATHY	SIBLING RIVALRY	TEENAGERS AND BOUNDARIES
SETTING LIMITS	PAUSE TIME IN	ARE YOU DOING TOO MUCH
PERSONALITY TYPES	PRAISE VS ENCOURAGEMENT	QUALITY TIME

IDEAL FOR
GROUPS
INDIVIDUALS OR
A BUNCH OF
FRIENDS



Via zoom

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WINZ ASSISTANCE WHERE APPLICABLE

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LIFE IS CO-ED

APPLY NOW FOR 2023 AND BEYOND

As we are unable to welcome you to our campus for Open Day this year, please register your details at stac.school.nz to receive important information on our enrolment process.

St Andrew's College



FREE ONLINE EVENT
Te Rā O Ngā Tamariki

Children's Day! 2022

Sunday 06 March
11am-3pm

facebook.com/ChristchurchChildrensDay

For more information phone 943 8599

Burwood Education Centre

Burwood Education Centre (15 Parnwell St, Burwood, ph [027-460-3765](tel:027-460-3765)) is accepting new enrolments for after school tutoring for students struggling, or needing extension, with their maths/spelling/reading etc.



Sessions throughout the school year are Monday - Thursday in either 3.30pm-4.50pm or 5pm-6.20pm classes with maximum four students per group. See the website - www.nztutoring.org - for further details or contact Paul on [027-460-3765](tel:027-460-3765) for a free assessment



After School Skate Club

Come skating with us
beginners to intermediate level
tricks, skills and challenges, \$15
330 till 430pm We have all
the gear we just need you
Contact George@skateskool.co.nz
or text on 02041183810

St Martins - Monday

Rāwhiti- Tuesday