RĀWHITI SCHOOL Newsletter

Newsletter #5 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 1 April 2022

E ara ake ana i te ūruhi

Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou

It is hard to believe that the end of the first term is just around the corner, with just 7 schools days remaining before Rāwhiti children break for the school holidays on Tuesday April 12th. Our staff will be here for two professional development days on the Wednesday and Thursday of that week, but there will be no on-site supervision of children.

Despite the incredible disruption of the past month, learning opportunities have not been on hold here at school. Our new student blogs are up and running, following a change of blogging platform. The aquatics and swimming programme has been completed for the season, the touch tournament wound up this week, and students have been having softball coaching. The weekly Mindfulness coaching has continued, thanks to the dedicated Erica from Mindful Movers, and the whole school visited Harold and the Life Education team for lessons linked to our Health Curriculum focus. Our Pasifika group has been meeting outside each week so that they can continue to learn new songs. Senior students have continued with their surfing programme, are underway with First Aid training provided by St John, and have also had their first attempt at reporting on their own learning to their parents via Hero.

If your child tells you they have done nothing at school - don't believe them!

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Mark Your Calendar

APRIL

8th	Non-Uniform Day—Gold Coin Donation
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-19 Update

Last week the Prime Minister made announcements about the Covid-19 mandates. Here are some basics that affect schools. From 11.59pm on Monday 4th April:

- The vaccine mandate covering all staff in the education sector will be removed.
- Limits on numbers of people gathering outdoors will be removed and indoor limits increased to 200.
- Mask use continues as per the current policy.
- Isolation for COVID-19 positive people and their household contacts remains at seven days.

Currently, the country remains at the Red Level of the Covid Protection Framework and therefore our day-to-day operating at school remains the same. We await the update from the Prime Minister due on April 4th, but for the remainder of the term the following restrictions will remain in place here at Rāwhiti, for the protection of our children and staff.

- No non-essential visitors.
- Please drop off and pick up from the gate.
- If you need to come on site, scan in and wear a mask.
- Please DO NOT enter the Learning Studios.
- If students are feeling unwell, they must remain at home.
- If students are unwell at school, they will be sent home, along with any siblings.

These measures have served us well over the past weeks, and we once again acknowledge the hard work that has gone into keeping each other well and the school open this term.

It has been interesting monitoring our positive COVID cases and levels of attendance over the past month. We had no cases linked to the school prior to March. In the last month:

- 27% (144) of our children have had Covid.
- 24% (12) of our staff have had Covid.
- 45% of Rāwhiti households have had to isolate at some stage in March.
- Our 'peak week' was March 14th - 18th, which saw over 220 children (42%) and 11 staff absent from school each day.
- This week, our daily absences sit at around 150 children.

With attendance numbers increasing, our teachers will not be offering Google Meets after this week. Children who are sick or isolating will still be able to access learning activities from their studio learning site, and children being sent home sick will be able to take a hard pack of learning materials with them.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa,
Liz Weir
Principal

Principals Awards
Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki

Rongo-mā-tāne
Asha, Bella x2, Inka x2, Isla-Jade x2, Izzy, Jacques, Kaia x2, Lacey x2, Leilani x2, Lewis , Lucas, Margaret, Mikayla, Olivia, Pania x2, Rad, Tara x2, Tylin, Violet, Wyatt

Papatūānuku
Blake x2, Brooke, Eli, Freida, Gabby x3, Geordie x4, Isabel x2, Jack x3, Layla x2, Macie, Mackson, Maddie, Mahalia x2, Mia P, Nate x2, Nova, Olive, Opal, Sam, Tegan, Tilda x3, Travis, Vinnie x2, Zoe

Tāne Mahuta
Sophia P

Non-Uniform/Mufti Day
Fri 8th April

Next Friday the 8th of April some of the Tangaroa students are running a non-uniform day to raise funds and awareness of the St John Ambulance service.

St John is a charity that provides ambulances throughout NZ. They also run first aid training, medical help at events, clubs for youth and community care. St John is a charity that does so much for our community, and they need support to keep their services running. Please bring a gold coin to support St John on Friday next week.

First Aid Training

This week St John has been at school taking some of the Year 7 & 8 students through a basic first aid course. This is just one part of what they do to help the community which is why some students have chosen to support them with a mufti day next Friday.

Stuck For Our Teacher Only Days?

Youth Alive are putting on a programme for our teacher only days on 13 & 14 April. Contact Youth Alive to enrol.

WHAT IS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME?

VISION

Our vision is to provide fun, memorry making experiences for young people in their school holidays. Our youthwork staff are supported by groups of volunteers to create an environment that encourages friendships and new experiences around positive role-models. We have Te Kāhui Kāhu Social Service Accreditation, which includes extensive policies, procedures and police vetting of staff.

WHAT HAPPENS?

Doors open and 8:30am (not before) and everyone must be signed-in on our digital screens. You can arrive anytime between 8:30am - 9:00am which is our free-play time. At 9:00am each programme gathers together to begin their day. Pick-up is between 2:45pm - 3:00pm. Extension starts from 3:00pm, and pick-ups can be anytime before 6:00pm.

Please bring packed lunch and water bottle each day. We will be leaving the building for the outings in our 12 seater Toyota Hiace Vans. We have booster seats available for those that need them.

Updates and photos are shared on our Youth Alive Trust Facebook page.

COST

8:30am - 3:00pm | $40

8:30am - 6:00pm | $52

*Vaccine Pass required to attend the outing activities for those aged 12+ & 3 months

REGISTER

To book holiday programmes go to:

https://yat.aimyplus.com

If you have booked YAT programmes before, you can use the same user profile, otherwise you will need to click on "Make a booking". Select your child's name, programme venue and booking type before you click on "next". On the following page you can select the days you would like to book. If you've not booked before, click "New Parent? Register here" and complete your profile before booking.

OSCAR Subsidy Declaration

Check out if you qualify for FREE or subsidised costs:
www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/oscar-subsidy.html

When you register on Aimyplus with your WINZ number, we can assist you with your application.

Activities

WEDNESDAY 13th April

Games
Woodend Camp
Archery
Aerojump
Orienteering

THURSDAY 14th April

Games
The Oasis - Palms
Mini Golf
VR Experience
Park Games

NOTE: Activities may change according to the weather. eg: if wet on Wednesday, we will swap the main activities and go to The Oasis instead.

CONNECT WITH US

rego@yat.org.nz | 03 388 1001

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WHO IS YOUTH ALIVE?

Youth Alive Trust was established in 1989 to support young people in New Brighton and surrounding suburbs. We aim to support young people holistically; socially, emotionally, mentally and spiritually through our programmes, our staff and volunteers.

To learn more about who we are and what we do, check out our website!

https://www.yat.org.nz

Grace Vineyard Beach Campus
111 Seaview Road, New Brighton,
Christchurch

OUR PROGRAMMES

1. Weekly Clubs
2. School Youth Workers
3. Holiday Programmes, OSCAR & Breakaway
4. Camps
5. Counselling and Mentoring
6. Mana Ake
7. Community Events
8. Parenting and Pre-school programmes
9. Amplify School of Music
10. Volunteer Training and Support

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RAWHITI SCHOOL
TEACHER ONLY DAYS
FUN DAYS

13th & 14th April 2022

SCHOOL YEARS 1-8

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MANA AKE
STRONGER FOR TOMORROW

Tuning in to Kids

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A six-session programme for parents/caregivers of children aged 5-12 years

Tuning in to Kids is an evidence-based programme designed to teach parents & caregivers:

- Awareness and regulation of their own emotions;
- Awareness of their children's emotions;
- To use children's emotional experiences as an opportunity for closeness and teaching;
- Skills in assisting children to verbally label and manage their emotions;
- Skills in assisting children to problem solve;
- To guide children's behaviour with appropriate limits.

Sessions include:

- Watching video material
- Group discussions and exercises
- Role plays
- Home activities to practice different ways of responding to your child's emotions
- Participants sharing their own experiences within the group

Listed below are details of the courses running this term. It is free to attend, you must attend all 6 sessions. To sign up for a group please email the course facilitator:

Start date	Day/ Time	Location	Facilitator
10 May	Tuesday 6-8pm	Online (Zoom)	paige.lenton@barnardos.org.nz
17 May	Tuesday 7-9pm	Darfield Primary School	colleen@hpct.org.nz
18 May	Wednesday 7-9pm	Clearview School-Rolleston	danielaj@psusi.org.nz
18 May	Wednesday 9.30am-10.30am	Waipuna- Linwood	liz.riley@sjog.org.nz
19 May	Thursday 7-9pm	Lincoln Primary School	sandra.keenan@ccn.health.nz
25 May	Wednesday 7-9pm	Parklands Baptist Church	kim.button@yat.org.nz

If you are interested in attending a Tuning in to Kids course, but these dates or locations don't suit please email: manaakefeedback@cdhb.health.nz. You will be emailed with the details of new courses as they are released.

Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori

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WISE-UP is an 8 session life skills programme for 8-10 year olds. It supports children to recognise feelings and emotions, and explores new and different ways of dealing with these. Workshops are also offered to support and inform caregivers of the children attending the programme.

Cost: Please discuss with our Wise-Up coordinator.

Programme aims:

> Build children's SELF-ESTEEM and CONFIDENCE
> Help children to see their strengths and find what makes them HAPPY
> Assist children in discovering more about themselves and their strengths
> Provide children with strategies to cope when they are FEELING ANXIOUS and worried
> Equip children with new tools to MANAGE HARD EMOTIONS such as frustration and anger
> Help children identify their own and other people's emotions

Participants need to be:

> Aged between 8 –10 years old
> Willing and able to engage efficiently in a group environment.
> Have parents that are willing to be involved in the Parent Workshops
> Experience low-moderate levels of anxiety, or would benefit from learning about their emotions and how to manage them

For information and enrolment please contact:
Rowena Dawson-Bovendeerd, Mb: 027 818 7117
Christchurch Methodist Mission
www.mmsi.org.nz
www.facebook.com/WiseUpCHCH

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YOUTHTOWN SOUTH ISLAND SITES

Suburb	Programme Site Address	Holiday Session Times	Programme Coordinator on the day
CHRISTCHURCH Chisnallwood	Chisnallwood Intermediate 76 Breezes Road	8.15am - 3.15pm or 8.15am - 6pm	027 522 7187
CHRISTCHURCH Linwood	Linwood Ave School 260 Linwood Ave	8.15am - 3.15pm or 8.15am - 6pm	027 513 2303
CHRISTCHURCH Halswell	Knights Stream School 1 Killarney Avenue	7am - 3.15pm or 7am - 6pm	027 605 2472
CHRISTCHURCH Woolston	Te Waka Unua School 476 Ferry Road	8.15am - 3.15pm or 8.15am - 6pm	027 569 1311
Greymouth	Grey Main School 12 Joyce Crescent	8.15am - 3.15pm or 8.15am - 6pm	027 548 0972
Oamaru	Pembroke Primary School Harlech St	8.15am - 3.15pm	027 891 2401

YOUTHTOWN

Creative arts, science, tech, sport, outdoors, environmental and life skills activities, intentionally designed for great outcomes and a whole heap of fun!

$45* Full Day session : 8:15am – 6pm
$30* Standard Day session : 8:15am – 3:15pm
Additional $20* for Special Days

*OSCAR subsidies available (conditions apply)

	MONDAY 18 April	TUESDAY 19 April	WEDNESDAY 20 April	THURSDAY 21 April	FRIDAY 22 April
WEEK ONE	CLOSED: PUBLIC HOLIDAY Easter Monday	OUT & ABOUT! Up and at 'em! It's time to get 'Out and About' after the Easter break, from the comfort of our Youthtown programmes!	KIWIANA DAY Kia Ora Whanau! This day is all about us kiwis, and doing activities inspired by our own backyard.	SPECIAL DAY Be prepared for anything and everything today! Heaps of fun and excitement are guaranteed! *Extra $20	EARTH DAY Today is Earth Day! We will head outside celebrate & appreciate the best planet of all, including some fun activities like nature snake!
	MONDAY 25 April	TUESDAY 26 April	WEDNESDAY 27 April	THURSDAY 28 April	FRIDAY 29 April
WEEK TWO	CLOSED: PUBLIC HOLIDAY Anzac Day	THE GROW DOJO We are focusing on our wellbeing as we gear up for another big week. Join us for games and activities to test your skills and brain power, before we take a spaceship to the moon and practice some meditation.	SPECIAL DAY Join us on site where we'll have some special guests join us for a day full of fun and surprises! *Extra $20	YOUTHTOWN'S GOT TALENT! It's time to showcase your talents at 'Youthtown's got Talent!' Along with fun-filled games and activities to polish those talents!	FRIDAY FRENZY FUN DAY! Celebrate the end of the holidays on this freaky, fabulous, action-packed day, with carnival games, market place and more!

Introduce a friend to Youthtown and you'll both get a $50 credit!
See our website for terms & conditions

APRIL 2022 SPECIAL DAYS FOR SOUTH ISLAND

AREA	WEEK ONE - SPECIAL DAY Thursday, 21 April	WEEK TWO - SPECIAL DAY Wednesday, 27 April
CHRISTCHURCH Linwood	Giant Games We have a jam packed day full of GIANT GAMES! Which superhero will you choose to take to battle?	Whodunnit - Easter Edition Put your detective hats on and get ready for YouthTown's Whodunnit, Easter edition. Can you solve the Easter Bunny mystery?
CHRISTCHURCH Halswell	Carnival Day Let's celebrate the holidays with heaps of exciting activities, along with a surprise that will be sure to get you bouncing!	Giant Games and Picnic in the Park We have a jam packed day full of GIANT GAMES! Which superhero will you choose to take to battle? Please bring your own lunch, picnic snacks will be provided.
CHRISTCHURCH Woolston	Whodunnit - Easter Edition Put your detective hats on and get ready for YouthTown's Whodunnit, Easter edition. Can you solve the Easter Bunny mystery?	Carnival Day Let's celebrate the holidays with heaps of exciting activities, along with a surprise that will be sure to get you bouncing!
GREYMOUTH	Whodunnit - Easter Edition Put your detective hats on and get ready for YouthTown's Whodunnit, Easter edition. Can you solve the Easter Bunny mystery?	STEAM Day Let's Bang! Pop! Fizz! Our way through the day as we learn about all things science, technology, engineering, arts & maths!
OAMARU	Carnival Day Let's celebrate the holidays with heaps of exciting activities, along with a surprise that will be sure to get you bouncing!	STEAM & Virtual Reality Let's "Bang! Pop! Fizz!" our way through the day as we learn about all things science, technology, engineering, arts & maths! Pop on the VR headset and get ready to transport to another reality!