

Newsletter #6 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 12 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, *He aha te mea nui o te ao ? He Tangata! He Tangata! He Tangata! He Tangata!* What is the most important thing in the world? It is people! It is people! It is people!

This whakatauki speaks to the importance of human connection and relationships. This is what creates community and enables people to flourish. I think the thing that we have all missed the most throughout this most challenging of terms is the day to day connection and interactions with the members of our school community. We are hopeful that next term will bring with it a change of alert level and opportunities for us to re-connect with all of you. If this weeks Cabinet review of the alert levels does result in a change to Orange for next term then we will publish the operating protocols for Orange prior to school starting for Term 2.

Our school vision statement of Rising Above the Ordinary is never far from my mind, and Rising Above the Ordinary to me summarises everything that has happened since Covid arrived here at Rāwhiti. Over the past 6 weeks 186 children and 14 staff members have tested positive for Covid and 264 households have been impacted. Despite the huge level of disruption, school has remained open every day, and children have continued to learn. Teachers are currently completing Hero posts about Term 1 Literacy, and also the Term 1 Health inquiry relating to our learning theme of Communication. These will be published over the next two weeks and I hope you enjoy reading about what your child has achieved. If your child has not been at school at all this term, then there will be no achievement posts for them.

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APRIL

12th	Last Day of Term 1	
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- 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 ...

We once again thank everyone for the efforts that our community has gone to to keep each other well and the school open. Thank you for letting us know what has been happening for your whānau, thank you for supporting your children to wear masks, and thank you for staying positive and helping tamariki understand the resilience required to get through this and out the other side.

We have a few staff changes next term. Blake Coburn will be back in the Teacher Aide team, having finished the cricket season playing for Canterbury. Nicole Johnson will be taking a break from our release teaching team to take up a full time teaching position for two terms, we look forward to welcoming her back in Term 4. We also welcome Libbee Jackson to our teaching staff. Libbee will be joining Rongo-mātāne as the fifth teacher in their team, and she will be known to some of you through the soccer coaching that she does locally.



Finally, some great news on which to end the term. We congratulate Courtney Ruske (who teaches in Rongo-mā-tāne) on being selected to represent New Zealand at the Oceania Games to be held in Brisbane in June.

We love it when people use our grounds respectfully during the holidays. Please encourage your children to look after school property if they come to play outside of school hours. If you notice any damage please email admin@rawhiti.school.nz or contact the police if you see people on site behaving inappropriately. We hope you have a very relaxing and safe holiday break. The new term starts on Monday 2 May.



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

Principals Awards Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki

Rongo-mā-tāne

Autumn, Bella, Crüe, Kaia, Kristina, Lachlan x4, Lewis x3, Masyn x3, Mia x2, Mikayla, Oliver, Pearl x2, Tara, Tikaia, Vioet x2.

Papatūānuku

Ava x3, Carter, Charli, Edie, Freida x2, Henry, Isabel K, Lakey, Layla, Maddie, Mahalia, Mia P, Noah x2, Nova x2, Olive, Tilda, Vinnie.



Thank you to everyone who sent donations last Friday for the mufti day.



There was \$615 raised for us to donate to St John.



Bags For Cancer Patients

During Term 1, 200 children from Rāwhiti School decorated a bag for cancer patients undergoing treatment. The bags were decorated with positive messages of encouragement. Maea, Brooke and Charlotte helped to deliver the bags on behalf of Rāwhiti School.



Mindfulness

Erica worked with some of the children from Rongo-mā-tāne recently. The waka were made by the students in Tangaroa as gifts - as they were specially made they practiced treating them with care and mindfulness. They were used as points of focus. Lying the boat on the belly and trying to be as still as possible - then noticing how the breath moves the boat up and down on its own.

Message From Orion re the Red Zone

Orion owns and operates the electricity distribution network powering Christchurch, Banks Peninsula and Central Canterbury.

I am contacting you as many of your students, parents, caregivers or staff may use the nearby residential red zone for recreation, or regularly walk/cycle through it.

We've noticed recently that some people may have assumed that the power network in the red zone is no longer in use and have interfered with key components. Poles, lines, underground cables, transformers and connection boxes all remain alive in the red zone and anyone tampering with them is risking their life and that of others.

Our priority is to ensure that people are safe around our network. We are asking our community to keep an eye out, and if they see something that isn't right to give us a call.

Damage can be dangerous. Dial it in. Whether it's exposed wires, an open kiosk door or a broken boundary box, damage can be dangerous.

Orion runs the electricity network across Central Canterbury – help us to keep people safe and the power on across the Red Zone. Report anything out of place.

0800 363 9898 oriongroup.co.nz/report

Orion







School Holiday Fun At New Brighton Library

The holidays are nearly here (phew!) and we have <u>free</u> fun and activities for tamariki and whānau at New Brighton Library:



<u>Te Ara o Te Toa – Traditional Māori Games for 7+ years of age (bookings required)</u>

Polymer Clay Creations for 10+ years of age

Finger puppet friends for 3+ years of age

<u>Autumn Illusions for 3+ years of age</u>

<u>Autumn leaves to frame your photos for 3+ years of age</u>

Peg Monster Magnets for 5+ years of age

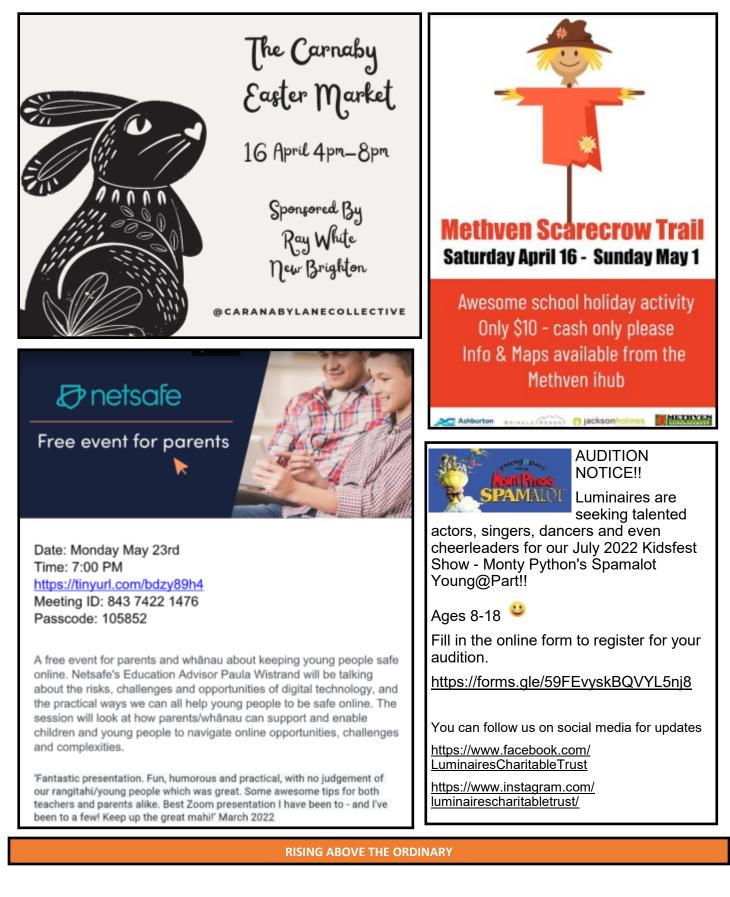


Annnnd, there are the books, PS4, table soccer, 3D printer, badge maker, sewing machine, board games and hang out spaces, so there's something for everyone.

Children enrolled in Children's University can also earn credits with book reviews and by participating in the activities listed.

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