

Newsletter #8 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 20 May 2022 E ara ake ana i te ūruhi Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou

The Cross Country run will be our first whole school event for the year, and we were so looking forward to having everyone on site this afternoon to provide support. However, the weather was not our friend on this occasion - so we will set a new date and try again.

If we thought we were going to be 'done and dusted' with Covid this term, we were sadly mistaken. Unfortunately, Covid is still causing significant disruption to learning teams across the school, and absence rates have jumped from 41 on the first day of the term, to over 130 this week. In Tangaroa we have had over 30 children away, and we have our first child who has contracted Covid for the second time.

At the Orange Level of the Covid Protection Framework It's strongly encouraged that face masks continue to be worn by ākonga in Years 4-8 and all staff when indoors. Face masks are one of the key health measures to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in indoor settings. Masks **must be worn** by ākonga aged 12 and above on school and public transport, which includes the bus to technology each Thursday.

A couple of things coming up in the next two weeks that you should all be aware of by now:

- Learning Conversations May 30th to June 2nd. Booking details can be found in this newsletter.
- Teacher Only Day **School Closed Friday June 3rd**. This is our last Teacher Only Day for the year.

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MAY

24th	Y7/8 Police Competency
	Test for pre-selected teams
26th	Board of Trustees Meeting

31st Zones Cross Country

30 May—2 June

Learning Conversations

JUNE

, 3rd	SCHOOL CLOSED – Teacher
	Only Day
6th	SCHOOL CLOSED—Queen's
	Birthday Holiday
22nd	Canterbury Cross Country
24th	SCHOOL CLOSED—
	Matariki Public Holiday
30th	Board of Trustees Meeting
JULY	
, 5th	Zones Y7/8 Basketball
	Tournament

8th Last Day of Term 2



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From The Principal continued ...

Pink Shirt Day - Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

Today is Pink Shirt Day. This day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. It's about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected, regardless of who they are.

At Rāwhiti we work hard to be inclusive and respect the diversity of our community. Sadly, at times, the world outside the school influences how some of our tamariki behave towards each other. Our staff work hard each day to reinforce the need to be respectful towards one another and on the whole, our tamariki are. But at times we feel the forces beyond the school impact us and they can be far more powerful, influential and anything but respectful. Today is a good day to take stock and reflect on how we treat one another and respect the diversity of who we are at Rāwhiti.

It is also a time to remind us about what bullying is and isn't. Sometimes tamariki behave poorly, make mistakes and in the moment treat others disrespectfully but it isn't always bullying. It's not acceptable, but it's not bullying.

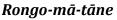
So what is bullying? It isn't uncommon to hear children say something insensitive or mean to someone else. Although these comments or actions are not okay, bullying has some specific features that make it much more serious and harmful.

- Bullying is deliberate harming another person intentionally
- Bullying involves a misuse of power in a relationship
- Bullying is usually not a one-off it is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated over time
- Bullying involves behaviour that can cause harm it is NOT a normal part of growing up and should not be tolerated.

We are very fortunate to be involved this year in the Positive Behaviour for Learning programme with the Ministry of Education, to reinforce a culture of positive behaviour. support learning and well-being here at Rāwhiti and give life to our school RISE values. We look forward to sharing aspects of this work with you as the year goes on.

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

Principals Awards—Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki





Asha x2, Ashlea x2, Bella, Brooklyn, Charlie x 3, Crüe, Georgia, Hosea x4, Indie , Isaac, Izzy, Jack, Jacques, Joel, Kristina, Kyzani x2, Lacey x3, Lachlan, Leilani x2, Marama, Mason x2, Masyn, Mia x4, Oliver, Olivia, Pania, Parker, Ricky, Rosalie, Sione-Pongi, Tahlia, Te Ariki x3, Tilly T x3, Tommy x3, Travis, Xavier x2, Zaquia x3

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Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori

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