



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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Mark Your Calendar

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



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***Rongo-mā-tāne***

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

Learning Conversations—30 May-2 June

As mentioned earlier, learning conversations will be happening from Monday 30 May until Thursday 2 June.

To book learning conversations with your child's teacher, you can use one of these methods:

1. [CLICK HERE](#) to go directly to the bookings
2. Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and the booking code is **evw9j**
3. Scan this QR code



If you don't have access to a computer, please contact Kim in the office who can make a booking for you.

School Lunch Menu

Do you want to see what your children will be eating each week with the school lunches? Log onto the [LUNCHES4ME](#) site and check out the menu.




free event for parents

**May 23rd (Mon)
7:00PM - online via Zoom**

A free event for parents and whānau about keeping young people safe online. Presented by Netsafe's Education Advisor Paula Wistrand. The session will look at how parents/whānau can support and enable children and young people to navigate online opportunities, challenges and complexities.

Scan to sign up and receive Zoom link:



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Rawhiti Pippins

Know any girls ready to tackle the world, gain the spirit of adventure and make some new friends along the way?

We are welcoming Pippins (5-6yrs) to join our Rawhiti Pippins Unit:

Thursday, 4.45-5.45pm, All Saints Church, 305 New Brighton Road, Burwood, Christchurch 8083

GirlGuiding is a fantastic space for young women and girls to meet and socialise with other girls outside of school, feel a sense of belonging, and contribute to their community. The girls learn new skills, learn about their place in the world, and gain a real sense of achievement in earning badges for their efforts. Most importantly – it is a great space for them to be young and just have some fun!

If your daughter would like to come along for a visit, please register at <https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/join-us/> and our Girl Recruitment Co-Ordinator will be in touch. We can't wait to welcome her to her next adventure!



Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori

(Notices placed here are contingent on space and do not reflect the views or opinions of the school.)


 enriching voices • enriching lives
CHRISTCHURCH CITY CHORUS

It's Audition Time!
Come join Christchurch City Chorus

Love to sing, dance and perform?
 Looking for work / life balance?
 Want to expand on your musical talent?



Auditions are being held on Saturday 16 July at Cashmere High School (Barrington Street Entrance)

We are especially looking for women with low voices (Karen Carpenter, Adele, Shania Twain, Diana Krall)

For more information please contact us: love2sing@cccchorus.co.nz

We will provide you with learning tracks and music for the audition

For more info about us:
 Website: www.cccchorus.co.nz
 Facebook: facebook.com/ChristchurchCityChorus
 YouTube: youtube.com/ChristchurchCityChorus
 Instagram: instagram.com/dhchochorus

Family Movie Night
Saturday 28th May

Bring your own dinner from
5:45pm
Movie Starts at 6:30pm
Snacks and Drinks available for
purchase
@ 180 Queenspark Drive

Hint: "We don't talk about....No No No"





Read to a dog

Grow your child's confidence with reading in a relaxed setting

Every
 Wednesday
 (term time)
 3.30–4.30pm
 Free,
 booking
 essential

New
 Brighton
 Library



CCC Online Workshop: Staying Safe Online

Delivered in partnership with Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Governance Team and [Netsafe](#)

When: 10.30 am – 12 pm Thursday 9 June 2022 (The presentation will last approximately an hour with time allocated afterwards for questions.)

Where: Online through Zoom, a link will be forward to participants.

Cost: Free

To book & further information contact: Kirsty Robinson at either kirsty.robinson@ccc.govt.nz or 03 941 5282

Registrations close: 9am, Friday 3 June.