

Newsletter #7 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 6 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

Welcome to Term 2. With the great weather for the first two days of the term we have had a very positive start. It has been great to catch up with many of you before and after school.

We welcome a number of new whānau to our school, along with Libbee Jackson who is starting her teaching career in Rongo-mātāne. I know the Rāwhiti School community will make you all feel welcome.

It is going to be an action packed term as we get more of our normal programmes up and running under the Orange level of the COVID protection framework. Orange means that we are able to go ahead with some of the things that we really missed in Term 1 - such as choir, singing lessons, school sports, and assemblies. It is still not 'open house' here at school while there is still community spread of Covid, and our Orange level operating procedures poster can be found further on in this newsletter.

We continue with our learning concept of Communication and take a change of direction over these next two terms to focus on the Social Sciences curriculum and the new Aotearoa New Zealand's Histories curriculum. This term we seek to explore how stories of tangata whenua are told and preserved through artworks, and how these stories are placed within the local area of New Brighton. Te tioro a karoro—Just like the loud squawks of the seagulls, the stories of tangata whenua should be shared, reflected and heard in our community!

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MAY

- 13th Y5-8 Kiwi Competition Entries Close
- 20th Scholastic Book Club Closes
- 24th Y7/8 PCT
- 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 Tournament8th Last Day of Term 2



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All of our learners will be heading out and about to visit pieces of art in our local community - at He Puna Taimoana, at Taiora/QE2, at the New Brighton Library, and at the beachside playground - amongst other locations. They will also learn more about a significant piece of art located on our own school grounds - our beautiful waharoa. All our teams will be looking for parents to support on these visits so this is a great opportunity to get involved with the classroom programme. Remember, there is no longer a vaccine mandate in place and so all parents are once again able to assist on school trips.

At the end of May we will be offering Learning Conversation appointments over 4 days, and this will be a great opportunity for you to connect with your child's teachers kanohi ki te kanohi (face to face) to talk about learning and achievement. Bookings for these will open soon.

Something to make sure you have in your diary is our final Teacher Only Day for the year, which is scheduled for Friday, June 3rd.

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

Principals Awards Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki



Rongo-mā-tāne Izzy, Kingston x3, Rico, Zane

Papatūānuku Ava, Layla, Maddie H

Can We Run The Length of New Zealand?

In the lead up to our cross country on 20th May, we have challenged our whole school to see if they can run the distance of New Zealand and back during class time in just ONE week from Monday 16th May to Friday 20th of May.

Our Healthy active learning day on Friday 20th May will consist of cross country races for our Y4-8 students from 11:15am - 12:15pm and races for our Y0-3 students from 1pm. At 1.30pm, the whole school will have the opportunity to participate in a range of activities such as jump rope, tug of war, gymnastics and many more. Parents and whanāu are welcome to come down to the school to watch their children compete.

Kiwi Competitions For Year 5-8 Students

The University of Canterbury is delighted to offer the annual Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions for Primary and Intermediate schools to students in Year 5-8. The skills based Kiwi competitions are written by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and closely align with the New Zealand Curriculum. The online competitions will be run in the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3.

The cost for a student to participate is \$9.50 per competition entered. If your child is interested they can collect a form from their studio teachers. Entries need to be received by Friday 13th May.



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CROSS COUNTRY



HELL Pizza Reading Challenge

Rāwhiti School will be participating in the HELL Reading Challenge. The HELL Reading Challenge will run in conjunction with the 2022 New Zealand Book Awards for Children and Young Adults. This week students were given their pizza wheels to take home.

How the Reading Challenge works:

Children are being given "pizza wheels". Every time they finish a book, a slice of the wheel gets signed off by a teacher or librarian. When they have finished seven books, they can get the 'official' Rāwhiti School stamp. They can take their completed pizza wheel to any HELL Pizza outlet and redeem it for a free 333 kids' pizza.

Here are the rules:

- Each pizza wheel is good for one 333 kids' pizza from any HELL Pizza outlet nationwide
- The wheel must be signed by a teacher/librarian, and stamped with the official school stamp
- One pizza per visit per child
- Wheels are non-transferable for money
- Children must redeem their free pizza in person, and before Tuesday 31 January 2023.



How many times can you run the 1km or 500m loop?

SINGING LESSONS

RAWHITI SCHOOL

WITH TUI AWARD WINNING SINGER - SONGWRITER JENNY PAYNE

> S10 GROUP LESSONS S20 INDIVIDUAL

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Rāwhiti School at ORANGE Level www.rawhiti.school.nz The following protocols will be in place at Rāwhiti School to keep everyone safe. It is strongly encouraged Where possible children that staff and students are to be dropped at the from Year 4-8 wear masks gate and collected from inside. there at the end of the day. Masks must be worn by Parents can pick up and students 12+ years on drop off outside studios. school transport. Whânau are not to enter Handwashing/sanitising, Learning Studios without elbow coughing/ sneezing an appointment. and safe eating practices All visitors to the school will be explicitly taught must wear a mask indoors and monitored. and sign in at the office. Enhanced school If students are unwell, they cleaning will occur. must remain at home. Sanitising of classrooms If students are unwell at and high touch areas school, they will be taken will take place daily. to the sickbay then sent home (with any siblings). All studios have CO2 Assemblies and large sensors and fresh air group activities can take system installed. place indoors with Doors and windows will spacing and ventilation. be open when practical. Distance learning is Sports teams can take available for those students part in organised tournaments. who are isolating at home. This is accessible through Physical activities can each studio website. take place indoors with spacing and ventilation. Schools remain OPEN at all traffic light levels. Individual schools may be asked to close in the event of a Covid19 outbreak, or if it can not be staffed. Please contact the office if your child has been advised to stay home.

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Off-site learning is accessible from each studio site. https://www.rawhiti.school.nz/our-learning/blogs/

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DRAMA CLASSES – The Canvas Bag Drama School South Brighton is now taking enrolments for term 2, 2022. Ask about a free trial class. Spaces available in the 5 to 8 year old group, 9 to 10 year old group.

Drama gives children a chance to develop imagination and confidence in a playful social environment.

Experience leadership, comedy, improvisation, costumes, laughter, friends, and wrap it all up with a fabulous performance in term four.

All of our tutors are qualified teachers.

Classes run on Thursdays: 5 to 8 year olds 3.30

9 to 10 year olds 4.30



For more information: please email <u>info@canvasbag.nz</u> or Contact Gina Fowler 022 351 2519 or visit our website www.canvasbag.nz

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Imagination Station

Our epic LEGO after school classes this term are at Aranui on Thursdays 3.30pm—5pm and at New Brighton Library on a Friday from 3.30pm—5pm.

Imagination Station

We are currently offering a 2 for 1 winter school discount to parents and students. If a student brings a friend for the term it will be half price for both students. Our classes can even be attended as a one-off session for those wanting to try it out without committing to a full term.

These classes involve LEGO Technic, remote controlled race cars, beginner robotics with LEGO WeDo2.0, robotics and coding with LEGO SPIKE Prime, LEGO Mindstorms and LEGO movie making with stop-motion animation.

If you're interested, find more information and reserve your space at <u>imagination-station.org.nz</u> or give us a call on 027 438 2106.