

Newsletter #10 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 17th June 2022 E ara ake ana i te ūruhi Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou, We start by congratulating one of our teachers, Courtney Ruske, on her success at the recent Oceania Games in Brisbane. Courtney won the 5km race walk and went on to compete against the current Commonwealth Champion in the 10km race.

Congratulations also to a number of our teaching staff who have this week successfully completed their Te Ahu o Te Reo Māori course work. This has involved 3 hours of study each week since the start of the year, and shows the commitment that our staff have to improving their own levels of te reo Māori.



When a celebrity comes to school! <u>#fangirling</u> @musicwithmichal

As part of their inquiry learning children are currently enjoying taking part in music workshops with Michal Bush.

Michal is an award winning local songwriter, author and performer. Best known for the popular 'Kindness is Free', 'Seagull Song' and 'Brave', earlier this year Michal took out one of the top honours at this year's NZ Children's Music Awards, winning best children's music artist with her album Summer Days. Our children are very lucky to be working with Michal, and learning that music is

one of the ways that people share their stories with others.



JUNE

22nd	Canterbury Cross Country
28th	Children's University
	Campus Day
24th	SCHOOL CLOSED—
	Matariki Public Holiday
29th	Dancing Like The Stars
	6pm, Isaac Theatre
30th	Board of Trustees Meeting

JULY

5th	Zones Y7/8 Basketball
	Tournament
8th 9-24	Last Day of Term 2
9-24	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
25th	First Day of Term 3





From The Principal continued ...

These past two weeks have been most challenging for us, with high levels of staff and student absence. This led to us taking the unprecedented step of asking parents from a particular learning studio to keep their children at home for a day last week, which gave us the time we needed to secure some relievers and make arrangements for the rest of the week. It is not a step that we took lightly - and we will always endeavour to keep the school open and provide supervision where we can. We are very grateful to the parents who were able to support us with this request.

Covid is not the only 'nasty' that is doing the rounds, and this week we have extremely high numbers of junior students presenting with a nasty tummy bug. If your child has had vomitting or diarrhoea at home or at school, the Ministry of Health recommend they remain at home until the child is well *AND* for 48 hours after the last episode. This will help contain the spread of the virus to other children and staff. We appreciate your co-operation with this - thank you.

Mask Mandate

The Board of Trustees would like to acknowledge the tremendous work of all staff, the resilience of our tamariki, and the support of our school whānau, in continuing to face the challenges of the pandemic. The Board has health and safety obligations to prevent as many children and staff as possible from being infected or reinfected with COVID-19. This means that until further notice masks will be mandatory for children from Year 4 to Year 8, and for all staff, and visitors to the school, except for those with a valid and current mask exemption. Thank you for your continued support with the important safety measures we have in place to reduce the risk of COVID-19 at school.

Board of Trustees Elections

Elections for the Board of Trustees will be held this year on September 7th. There will be information coming out to parents next term about what the role of a school trustee involves. In the meantime, if you are interested in standing for the Board of Trustees you are welcome to attend our board meetings as an observer. Our final meeting for this term is coming up on Thursday, June 30th at 6pm in our school meeting room.

Out of Zone New Entrant Enrolments - Important Information

Due to the current school roll and the delay in the building project for the roll growth classrooms there is now a very real risk of overcrowding in our junior learning studios. Therefore, the Board of Trustees has made the difficult decision to not take any new Out of Zone New Entrant enrolments for the remainder of the 2022 school year, including siblings of students currently enrolled in the school. We understand that this may create a concern for those of you who were planning on submitting an OOZ application for the Term 4 ballot. Please come and discuss this with me if you are in this position. The BOT has committed to reviewing this decision ahead of the 2023 school year.

If you live in our school zone and have a five year old due to start school before the end of this year please take a moment to complete and enrolment form and hand it in to Kim in the office so that we can plan effectively for your child's transition to school. It is never too early to enrol!

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa, Liz Weir Principal

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Principals Awards Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki

Rongo-mā-tāne

Asha x3, Ava M x2, Charlie, Cherish, Isla, Jack, Kingston x3, Leilani x 4, Lily, Marama x4, Pearl, Tara, Wyatt

Papatūānuku

Beau, Isabel, Jack, Layla, Luca C, Lulu, Maddie H, Mattis, Nate F, Noah x2, Vinnie x2

School Accounts

Your child's school account has been updated to include activities that are currently happening at school.

The following activities are optional and contain a cost component. We appreciate your payment for the following activities if they are showing on your child's account.

Touch Rugby, ICAS exam, Kiwi Competition, Lake Daniel's tramp, Basketball, Dancing like the Stars, stationery and uniforms. Payment in full for the Children's University is required by 27th June to allow your child to visit the University on the 28th June and the graduation later in the year.

Winter Sport has been partially subsidised by school with a donation of \$20 each student included on your account. The take-home component of the Year 7/8 technology programme at Linwood College has a donation cost of \$12.50 each term.

Yr 7/8 skiing has been added to your child's account if they have handed in their permission slip. The cost is \$90. Payment needs to have been made in full by 12th August 2022. You may wish to start making weekly payments over the next seven weeks to help with budgeting.

Payment can be made by internet banking to 12-3240-0211804-01 and eftpos is available at the school office.



Extension Activities – International Competitions for School (ICAS)

We are offering students in Years 3-8 the opportunity to enter the following competitions that are run by the University of New South Wales.

This year all ICAS Assessments are completed as online tests, designed to recognise and reward academic excellence. The ICAS Assessment series is designed to assess your students' ability to apply classroom learning in new contexts, using higherorder thinking and problem-solving skills.

The students will sit the online assessment here at school.

The Term 3 dates for these competitions:

- Digital Technology (Y4-8 only) 8 12 August
- English 15 19 August
- Science 22 26 August
- Mathematics 29 August 2 September

The school will subsidise the entry fees (Full cost = \$20.70 for each assessment) so **you will only need to pay \$15 towards each of the competitions which will need to be paid before testing.** This cost will be added to your school account.

If your child is interested, contact their teacher for an entry form.

Do you have a child turning 5 this year?

If you have a 4 year old living in our zone or know



someone who does, please get an enrolment form to us as soon as possible so that we can better understand the numbers and staffing needs in Rongo-ma-tane.

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Gymnastics Competition

Congratulations to Millah, Charli, Alyssa-Rose and Violet who competed at the Primary School gymnastics competition this Wednesday. They competed in vault, beam and floor. Here are some photos from the event.





Rāwhiti Kapa Haka Performing

Head down to the first Matariki Market in Carnaby Lane, New Brighton tomorrow, Saturday 18th June, put on by our local Switch Café and Burger Joint.



Our kapa haka group will be performing at 4pm and there will also be a number of food and market stalls there.

<u>CLICK HERE to head to the Facebook page and see</u> <u>more details.</u>

Upcoming Exhibit At The Palms

Come and celebrate Matariki at The Palms from 10am—5pm, 21st-26th June, free entry located next to The Body Shop.

Learn about the story of Matariki, enjoy a fairy light tunnel and participate in our community wall mural.





Cross Country & Healthy Learning Activities Day

Here are a few snapshots of our day.



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SCHOOL YEARS 7-8

WHAT IS BREAKAWAY?

VISION

Our vision is to provide fun, memory 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 Kähui Kähu Social Service Accreditation, which includes extensive policies, procedures and police vetting of staff.

WHAT HAPPENS?

Doors open at 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 4:00pm - 4:30pm, which is also free-time.

Each day a leader shares a 5 minute Christian thought for the day. Often based on a Bible story, nobody is forced to do anything, and all beliefs and opinions are valued. Updates and photos are shared on our Youth Alive Trust Facebook page.

COST

Due to MSD funding, Breakaway activities are free! There is just a \$5 per day booking fee, non refundable. If this is an issue, please email us and we'll be able to help you out! Lunch is not included.

REGISTER

To book Breakaway go to:

https://yat.aimyplus.com

If you have booked any YAT programme before, log-in under the same user profile and password. Click on "Make a booking". Select your child's name, programme venue as Youth Alive Trust and booking type before you click on "next". On the following page you can select the all three days - we don't allow individual day bookings for Breakaway.

If you've not booked before, click "New Parent? Register here", complete your profile, and the follow the steps above to make a booking.

18th JUL 8:30AM - 4:30PM Games Galore Swimming @Dudley Park Bring Togs & Towel TUESDAY 19th JUL 8:30AM - 4:30PM Out And About Cinema: Thor: Love & Thunder Bring Enclosed Shoes WEDNESDAY · 20th JUL 8:30AM - 5:30PM Laser Tag 10 Pin Bowling Bring Enclosed Shoes & Clothes that can get dirty You need to book and attend all 3 days as this is a funded programme! Remember to bring, warm clothes, sunblock, a hat, lunch and water bottle everyday!

MONDAY

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My name is Wendy and I am a local New Brighton music teacher who has been teaching music, in particular Piano and Singing to children and adults for over 10 years. I am enquiring if you would be interested in offering lessons to your students or if I am able to advertise that I offer local private lessons in your newsletter? I teach both individuals and groups all aspects of music education and performance while focusing on building confidence and self efficacy. I have also worked with music in a therapeutic context with groups in the mental health sector, in particular The Salvation Army Rehabilitation programme for over 7 years.

For more information I have linked you my website that has my biography and services listed. Please let me know if you are interested or can assist.

Thanks for your consideration. ごね wendymercermusic.com

Kind regards, Wendy Mercer 0273390060



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