

Newsletter #9- Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 2 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

This week we officially welcomed Winter - not that you would have known it on Tuesday standing at the Cross Country Zones in 22 degrees! I want to congratulate all of our children who competed, and make special mention of Emily Coetzee (1st place Yr 7 girls), Dylan Dempsey (4th place Yr 7 boys), Millah Rhodes (2nd place Yr 6 girls), Anika Mathews (7th place Yr 6 girls), Joel Tiffen (8th place Yr 5 boys), and Zara Wood (3rd place Yr 5 girls). These runners will now have the opportunity to compete at the Canterbury Cross Country event in a few weeks - fingers crossed that it goes ahead as planned.

There has been quite a sense of 'normality' about the school with our own Cross Country going ahead last week with parent supporters on site, and this week we have been welcoming parents into the Learning Studios for their Learning Conversation appointments.

However, Covid still has a presence in our school and community and staff and student absence numbers remain high which has meant some of the planned Arts Trail class trips have had to be postponed, sometimes at short notice. Of course, Covid is not the only illness that impacts at school - and we are seeing all of the usual winters ailments starting to surface, along with a few cases of Chickenpox. As always, if your child is unwell or has any cold or flu like symptoms, please do keep them home.

This week we welcome Nic Cromarty to the teaching team in Papatūānuku for the remainder of the term. Nic is relieving for Renee, who has had to return to Mexico at short notice.



- 17th Teacher Union Meetings -School Closing Early 12.15pm
- 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
- 25th Term 3 begins

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From The Principal continued ...

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 out of zone 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.

Teacher Union Meetings - School Closing Early

School will close early on **Friday June 17th** so that teachers can attend NZEI meetings relating to their upcoming contract renewal. School will finish at **12.15**. If it is not possible for you to collect your child at lunch time then there will be some supervision at school for the afternoon and you can request a place by contacting the school office. There will be no teaching programmes in the afternoon.

Positive Feedback

It is always a pleasure to receive positive feedback about things our students have done - and this week I have heard from two different sources.

Our Year 8 girls are currently taking part in Self Defence lessons and the tutor, Linda, has been singing their praises. Linda has been taking these classes in schools across Christchurch for over 30 years, and came to find me this week to let me know how impressed she was with our current group of senior girls. She described them as polite, fun to work with, willing to try new and challenging things, and incredibly supportive of each other.

Last term our Year 4-8 children had the opportunity to decorate a paper carrier bag for the Cancer Society. These bags are given to patients undergoing cancer treatment at the hospital, for them to store their clothes and personal belongings in during their appointment. This week we received the following message from Anne. *"Ahiahi marie. I recently went for my radiotherapy education appointment at Christchurch hospital and was given a beautifully decorated bag by one of your pupils, Tiaan. I'd be grateful if you could pass on my thanks and appreciation for the inspiring messages to be brave, be strong and to hang in there. I was feeling a bit apprehensive for this new treatment so it really helped - putting a smile on my face and receiving encouragement from the kindness of strangers. Please keep up your good work. Nga mihi, Anne"*

Diane phoned to say she had received Tilda's bag and she just loves the fact that our students have taken the time to brighten up the cancer patients day. She has had radiation and is doing well.

2023 School Dates

For those of you who like to plan ahead - the Board of Trustees has confirmed the following dates for the 2023 school year:

- Term 1: Tuesday Jan 31st Thursday April 6th
- Term 2: Monday April 24 Friday June 30th
- Term 3: Monday July 17 Friday 22 September
- Term 4: Monday October 9th Friday December 15th

Success Binnin Angitu

Principals Awards—Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki

Rongo-Ma-Tane: Asha, Ava H, Crue x2, Isaac x 2 Isla-Jane, Kristina, Leilani x 2, Lily x 2, Mateo, Mia 2, Mikayla x2, Neveah, Pania, Pearl, Rad, Ricky x2, Shayla x2, Tara x3, Toko x2, William

Papatuanuku: Mia H, Nova, Blake, Olive, Edie, Noah, Mahalia x2, Joel, Vinnie, Lulu, Leo, Grayson, Maddie B, Alice, Maddie H

Rāwhiti School Newsletter

Travel Plan for Rāwhiti School

We are working with the Christchurch City Council to formulate a Travel Plan for Rāwhiti School. We would love for parents/caregivers to take a few moments to complete a short survey about travel to school

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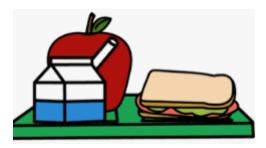
BASKETBALL

Rāwhiti has entered a team in the Year 7/8 Basketball competition at Cowles Stadium. We are called the Beachballers. We have had two games winning the second game 15-10. Izak and Maddox have been named player of the day in these two games. James is our coach and he has made a big difference to our game.



School Lunch Menu

Do you want to see what your children will be eating each week with the school lunches? Log onto the <u>LUNCHES4ME</u> site and check out the menu.











Police Competency Test

On the 24th of May, eight students from Tangaroa took part in the PCT Blue light challenge. They competed against other schools in a timed obstacle course. They had to jump through walls, balance on a beam and carry a 90kg weight. Both teams gave it a great go and showed how well they can work as a team. They supported their team members and helped each other when needed.





#8, Term 2 2022

Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori

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