

Newsletter #12 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 29th July 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 back to Term 3. I hope you all managed to stay warm and dry over the holidays. The wet weather has certainly made for a challenging start to the term,

and it came as no surprise that sport was cancelled today.

Fortunately, the Hawkins team was able to get our new building into place at the start of the holidays and are well underway with the refurbishment - despite the dismal weather.





This term we welcome both new and returning staff. **Sophie Johns** has taken up a teaching position in Rongo-ma-tane. We got to know Sophie last term when she started relieving here and we are delighted to have her join the full time staff for the rest of the year.

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AUGUST

3rd Y6 Open Evening, 6.30pm
12th Scholastic Book Club Closes
18th BOT Meeting
29&30 Year 4 Marae Visit

SEPTEMBER

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It is great to have **Rachel Beaument** back with us, teaching three days a week in Rongo-ma-tane in the position created when Michelle Cochrane left at the end of Term 2. Marcella Wood is teaching the other two days.

Brogan O'Neil returns to us from maternity leave in a part-time capacity. Brogan is teaching in the release team two days a week this term and the children have been very excited about having her back. Also joining the release team this term are **Paula Redmond** and **Willie Mous**. This is a return visit for Paula who taught here a few years ago. Willie is also a regular reliever for us.

The other new face about the place is **Kenny Giles**, who has taken over our caretaking from Frank. Our school property is managed by a company called EdPro, who employ our caretakers and cleaners and manage all of our maintenance. Frank will still be here each day as part of our regular cleaning team.

Using Appropriate Language

As part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning development, this term we will be spending two weeks at a time focusing on specific behaviours that we will teach the children and reinforce at school.

This week and next we are giving the children a message about appropriate language, because we have noticed a significant increase in children's use of inappropriate and offensive language at school. When children swear, it's usually to express negative feelings. It can also be a response to something painful, upsetting or frustrating. Children might also swear to 'fit in' socially. They might be trying to be part of the group, or to stand out by being funny or adding shock value to their talk. Children might also be imitating others when they swear. Some children swear at school purely for attention or to be rebellious. Other children swear simply because they are still learning how to moderate their language, and aren't accustomed to adjusting their language to suit different situations.

We will teach the message that some words that might be acceptable outside of school are not acceptable for use at school.

• **To reo - Mind your language.** This will be used as a correction if children speak inappropriately and also as a teaching point or reminder to everyone that our expectation at school is that everyone minds their language.

• **Pai tō reo - Good use of language.** This is the phrase we will use to acknowledge when children are getting it right with their speech (speaking kindly, politely etc).

Year 6 Parents

Parents of our current Year 6 students will have received information via Hero about an information evening being held next Wednesday evening at 6.30pm in Tangaroa. For more information you can contact our Year 7&8 team leader, Nogo Sipeli, directly. <u>nogos@rawhiti.school.nz</u>

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BOT Elections

Elections for positions on the Board of Trustees take place every three years and were due to take place in 2022. Due to Covid, these were deferred and our school BOT elections take place this term, with September 21st being the date that votes will be counted. There is information further on in this newsletter about the voting process.

If you are interested in standing for the Board of Trustees please let us know by contacting our current BOT Presiding Member (Chairperson) Cheryl Lineham <u>bot@rawhiti.school.nz</u> or you can contact me directly <u>principal@rawhiti.school.nz</u>. Cheryl and I are happy to meet with prospective trustees to share more about the work of the BOT. As a starting point, the website <u>schoolboardelections.org.nz</u> has excellent information about becoming a trustee.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa, Liz Weir Principal

Principals Awards Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki



Papatūānuku

Brenyn x5, Charlie W, Dylan x3, Freida, Lakey, Leo, Logan x2, Mahalia, Noah B, Opal, Rylan x2, Samuel B, Zoe

Scholastic Free Book Offer

Scholastic are giving away FREE books in the latest issue to help celebrate and spread the love of reading.

You can get up to 3 free books in Issue 5, but you must order <u>online through LOOP</u> to receive this special offer.

If you spend: \$30 you get 1 free book \$50 you get 2 free books \$70 you get 3 free books



Manaiakalani Whanau Questionnaire

As part of our involvement with Manaiakalani and Woolf Fisher Research, we are keen to hear from you about your child's learning at school. You can complete the short questionnaire <u>here</u>. This information is used alongside staff and learner questionnaires to see a picture of reading at Rāwhiti and also how it looks across our wider school cluster. This information will help form the next steps for our staff development.

Please complete by Friday 26 August 2022.

Success Awards



Congratulations to Mason P who

finished 16th out of 55 in the Year 0-4 Cross Country Challenge Event that was held at Hillview Christian School last term.



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 Daniell's tramp
Basketball	Dancing like the Stars
Stationery	Uniforms.

Year 4 Marae visit is on August 29-30th. The \$30 cost per student relates to the cost of food, accommodation and transport. These items are not covered by the school donation scheme and we thank you for your support with your donation towards this cost.

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 has a donation cost of \$12.50 each term.

Year 7/8 skiing has been added to your child's account if they have handed in their permission slip. The cost is \$90. **Payment for skiing needs to have been made in full by 12**th **August 2022**.

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



RĀWHITI SCHOOL School Board Elections

Parent Election Notice

Nominations are open for the election of five parent representatives to the school board.

All eligible voters will receive a nomination form. Use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. You will also receive a nomination cover letter calling for nominations. Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is provided with the nomination form.

If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at **noon** on Wednesday 17th August 2022. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Voting closes at **4pm** on Wednesday 21 September 2022.

Signed: Jude Bell

Returning Officer



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Eastern Basketball Competition

We attended the Eastern zones basketball competition and played 5 games. We had a lot of fun and were competitive every game. Unfortunately we didn't win any of our matches but in typical Rāwhiti style we were still happy and amped just to be competing. Layton was named player of the tournament.

We also played in the final of the Cowles stadium Eastern comp. We played Parklands and it was another tough and physical match. Although they won, we held them to half the points scored the first time we played.

Special mentions and awards to: Tyson for Most Valuable Player of the Year Maddox for Defensive Player of the Year Rocky for Dedication.

And massive thanks to our coaches James and Aaron.

Looking forward next term. Jen Evans, team manager



Youth Alive Seniors After School Programme

Needing after-school care? Looking for something a bit different, just for older kids? Try us in Term 3! YAT Oscar does van pick ups from all local schools including Rawhiti. Most working or studying parents are eligible for govt subsidies. Activities include Kitchen Klub, Basketball, Crafts Club, Park Day, plus socials and trips for School Years 5-9 only. More info on the brochure below visit. in for https:// or pop а www.youthalivetrust.org.nz/holidayprogrammes/senioroscar/



BROCHURES & MORE INFO:

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TUNING IN TO

A six-session programme for parents/ caregivers of children aged 4-12 years

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

Tuning in to Kids is an evidence-based programme designed to teach parents & caregivers:

- How to coach a child through periods of heightened emotion resulting in emotional regulation
- Awareness of their children's emotions
- To use children's emotional experiences as an opportunity for closeness and teaching
- Skills in assisting children to verbally label and manage their emotions
- Skills in assisting children to problem solve
- To guide children's behaviour with appropriate limits

Sessions include:

- Watching video material
- Group discussions and exercises
- Role plays
- Home-based activities to practice different ways of responding to your child's emotions

Parents are encouraged to share experiences and ideas within the group

When?

Time: 7 pm to 9pm for 6 weeks

Dates: 10 of Aug to 14 Sept 2022

Location: Seafield Building New Brighton 71 Beresford Street

Spaces are limited. Please contact:



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for further information or to reserve your place.

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