



Newsletter #13 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 12th August 2022

***E ara ake ana i te ūruhi
Rising Above The Ordinary***

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou

As the term progresses I am sensing that we are 'getting back to normal' in regards to inter-school events and activities. After two years of constant postponements and cancellations it is great to see the diary starting to fill up with some of our old favourites. As I write this, our Zone Winter Sports Tournament is taking place and we have a large number of children participating.

Congratulations to our Strum Strike and Blow musical group who performed on Wednesday. It was wonderful to see our young musicians once again getting opportunities to perform for a real live audience. Many thanks to Anne from the Christchurch School of Music for preparing our tamariki for their performance.

Our major priority for the first half of this year was simply staying OPEN. Now our minds are focused on a much more important priority - how to reconnect and engage with our community after such a prolonged period of forced separation. Our communities have been distanced from school throughout this pandemic, many of our tamariki have been disengaged from school and attendance is an issue which impacts heavily on progress. Our teachers have had to endure the pressure of the changing landscape between home and school and everything we used to be able to do to connect has changed.

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Mark Your Calendar

AUGUST

18th BOT Meeting
24th Y7/8 Ski Trip
25th PTA Meeting, 7.30pm
26th Whole School Assembly
29&30 Year 4 Marae Visit

SEPTEMBER

7th Wig Wednesday
14th School Photos
21st BOT Elections
22nd BOT Meeting
27/28 School Production
30th Last Day of Term 3

OCTOBER

17th Term 4 Starts



From The Principal continued ...

We know what we want to do: truly connect with our community, really engage, so that we bring home and school closer together but we cannot do this at present in the same ways within Orange and Red Settings. It is the time to stop, gain clarity, utilise the tools we have at our disposal and maybe do things differently (be innovative) to keep moving in the right direction. This takes Resilience, and is not easy.

Further on in this newsletter you will see a message and a survey from our amazing PTA, who are also looking at ways to reconnect with you all.

Good News

Our first **whole school assembly** for the year will be held on **Friday August 26th at 9.15am**. If you have nothing else in the diary please do join us. A current focus for us at school is making speeches and I am looking forward to hearing them from each studio present at this assembly. We ask that adults attending our assembly wear a face mask.

**Exciting News - School Production**

Put a big circle around September 27th and 28th on your calendars so that you don't miss our first ever whole school production! **"Te Karoro Karoro - The Seagulls Chatter"** is an original production created by our children and teachers, inspired by our learning focus this year - What if our stories were heard as loud as the seagull's scream? The production will run for 2 nights, with 6.30pm performance times. We can't wait.

Both of these events give you an opportunity to get back to school, see some familiar faces, and share in the learning and the fun.

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

Principals Awards***Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki***

Rongo-ma-tane: Alira, Asha x7, Autumn x7, Ava H x6, Ava Mc xAyla x6, Bella x6, Bodhi, Carter, Cherish x3, Chevonne x5, Eli, Georgia B, Harlem x4, Hosea, Isla P, Iyla x 3, Izzy x2, Jack x 5, Jai x2, Jasmine, Jayden, Joel, Korbyn x4, Lachlan x4, Leilani, Leon, Levi x3, Lewis, Lily x2, Logan, Majeur, Manaia x2, Marama, Margaret x3, Masyn N, Mateo x3, Ollie, Parker, Rico, Rosalie x5, Shayla x4, Spencer x2, Taison x2, Tara, Tikaia x2, Tilly D-T, Tilly T, Travis, Violet, Zane

Papatūānuku: Edie, Freida x7, Layla x6, Lulu, Macie, Maddie, B, Maddie H x6, Marshal, Nova, Olive x2, Pearl, Riley, Rory x2

Ata Hāpara: Sapphire

Success@Rāwhiti

Congratulation to Lachie P who was in the Luminaire's production of "Spamalot" in the holidays. He played a Monk and Autumn and was also in the chorus. The mayor had a cameo as 'Sir Not Appearing' in one of the shows too which a fun.

They did 9 shows at NASDA over the holidays.



Have you noticed that cardboard bread tags are very quickly replacing plastic bread tags here in Aotearoa?

This is great news for the environment, but that does mean that soon Bread Tags for Wheelchairs won't have any plastic bread tags coming in for us to recycle.

Therefore, from 1 September 2022 the bread tag collection point at Rawhiti School office will be removed.

Please ensure you drop your collection of bread tags in before this date.

Where possible please separate the bread tags by colour, remove any stickers, rubbish or dirty/rusty bread tags - you'll make the collection point volunteer's day!

Nga mihi nui kia koutou for all your support!

We are all volunteers, and together, we have all made such huge differences in the quality of many wheelchair recipients lives, as well as keeping bread tags out of landfill.

Reminder - at the Rawhiti School office collection point -

We do not accept cardboard bread tags.

Cardboard bread tags can be recycled in your yellow kerbside bins. It is highly recommended that the cardboard bread tags be consolidated before being put into your yellow bin. There are many simple ways of doing this. The easiest is to put them in an envelope, which you then seal before it adding to your recycling, or you could wrap them up in newspaper. That way they will not fall out and get blown off the recycling processor belt.

From 1st September 2022 the Taupini Hanganua (recycling centre) in the Rawhiti School office will only be a collection area for:

Health Active Living Survey

Kia ora rā e te whanau, this survey is about your tamaiti/tamariki (child/children) aged 5 to 13 years. It aims to understand how they experience physical activity and Health and PE at kura or school. It also asks about their opportunities to be physically active in their community.

It should take approximately 10 minutes to complete and you could be in with a chance of winning one of seven \$100 supermarket vouchers.



Noho ora mai rā - stay well and thank you so much for taking the time. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Healthy Active Learning Whānau Survey



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 [here](#). 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.

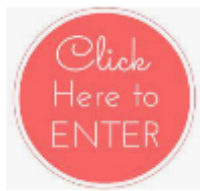
Please complete by **Friday 26 August 2022.**

The PTA is Alive!

Kia ora whanau, you haven't heard much from the PTA for a while, as things have definitely gotten away from us a bit. Anyway, the exciting news is that we are having our first PTA meeting of the year on Thursday 25 August, 7.30pm in the Rāwhiti Staffroom! We welcome and encourage all newcomers who are interested in coming along. We're very friendly and we always have drinks and nibbles! If you can't make it that night but are keen to learn more please email pta@rawhiti.school.nz.

PTA Countdown & Switch Cafe Giveaway!

Part of the discussion at our meeting will be about the future of the PTA at Rāwhiti School. We have a number of exciting new ideas and we'd like to get your feedback to see if any of these ideas could work. Please fill out our short survey below. It will really help us with our planning and as a thank you we have 1 x \$50 Countdown voucher and 5 x \$10 Switch Café vouchers to give away to anyone who fills out the survey! The deadline for the survey is Thursday 25 Aug, 7pm and we'll announce the lucky winners on Friday 26 August.



Absence Methods

A reminder you can let us know by the following methods if your child will not be attending school, preferably before 9am:

- Text 021 08271380 their name and reason for absence
- Fill in the absence form on the front page of our website at www.rawhiti.school.nz
- Phone us on 388 9519 and leave an absence message
- Send an email to us at admin@rawhiti.school.nz

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 21st September 2022.

Signed: Jude Bell, Returning Officer

School Photos

We have decided to go with a new school photo provider this year and school photos will be happening on Wednesday 14th September.



Years 5/6 Basketball

Well done to both teams who played at the Eastern Zone basketball competition for Years 5 and 6 last week. We each played a few games and enjoyed participating in the tournament. Unfortunately we didn't win any of our matches but we did come close and enjoyed giving it a go.



Strum Strike Blow

This week nearly 50 of our children performed at the Strum Strike Blow festival for Canterbury schools at the Christchurch Arena. This was the 10th year of the festival and over 1000 children performed from 39 schools.

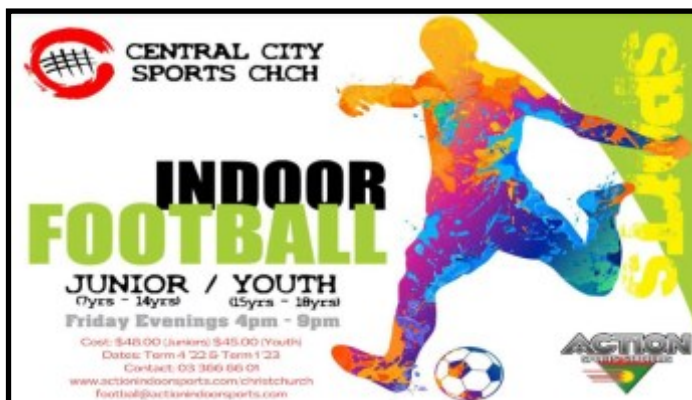
There were three combined items and also individual items with the ukuleles "strumming", "striking" of the marimbas and "blowing" of the recorders.

Thanks to Anne for working with our children all year in preparation for the festival.



Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori

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CENTRAL CITY SPORTS CHCH

INDOOR FOOTBALL

JUNIOR / YOUTH
 (7yrs - 14yrs) (15yrs - 18yrs)
 Friday Evenings 4pm - 8pm

Cost: \$48.00 (Juniors) \$45.00 (Youth)
 Dates: Term 4 '22 & Term 1 '23
 Contact: 03 366 66 01
www.actionindoorsports.com/christchurch
football@actionindoorsports.com



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INDOOR NETBALL

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 Thursday Evenings 4pm - 8pm

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GIRLS' CHOIR ŌTAUTAHĪ

OPEN NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST
5.30PM TO 7.30PM

All girls aged 10-16 with a love of singing are warmly invited to come along to meet us and see the Girls' Choir in action.

WHERE:
**THE MAKERS ROOM
 CHCH ARTS CENTRE**

For more information, please contact
chchgirlschoir@gmail.com



McDONALD'S

2022 YOUTH DUATHLON

SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER
 SOUTH HAGLEY PARK, CHRISTCHURCH

7 - 10 YEARS:	11 - 15 YEARS:
RUN 1KM	RUN 2KM
CYCLE 4KM	CYCLE 8KM
RUN 500M	RUN 1KM

REGISTRATION AT WWW.MCDONALDSDUATHLON.CONZ

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FENDALTON ST ALBANS BURNSIDE ST MARTINS

GIANT LEAPS^{NZ}
Speech and Drama

ENROL NOW FOR TERM 3

Speech NEW ZEALAND **TRINITY** COLLEGE LONDON **epc** Education in Performance and Communication NZ

0800 4 SPEECH | info@giantleaps | www.giantleaps.nz

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
SATURDAY 27TH AUGUST 2022

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

INFINITY BEYOND



MAHI FOR ME

JOB FAIR

ARE YOU WANTING A JOB?

All are welcome to attend this job fair. Various industries & roles, a wide range of employers and over 1,000 jobs going!

Manufacturing, Construction, Health-Care, Community Support, Retail, Hospitality, just to name a few!

Looking for study options? Speak to NZMA & Ara who will also be there!

WHAT | Job Fair – Come and get a job! Bring your C.V and Dress for Interview
WHERE | Tūranga Library, Ngā Purapura / Activity Room, Hāpori | Community, Level 1
WHEN | Thursday 21st September, 12:00pm

For more info: connectedlinwood@msd.govt.nz

In your region

SPM **MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT** **Te Whaiti Ora** Health New Zealand **recruitment** **Ara** **NZMA** **Dowmer** **LINK LABOUR** **Christchurch City Council**