



Newsletter #19 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 25th November 2022

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

## ***From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki***

**Kia ora koutou,** School years go by in a blur at the best of times but it's hard to fully grasp how quickly the end of the year has rolled around. There are only 13 and a half schools days left before we finish for the year - can you believe it?

Nothing is slowing down though - each day is still full of learning activities here at school. At this time of the year we are so grateful that we are one of the few schools in Christchurch that has its own swimming pool - it is certainly being well used.

Thank you to those who joined us at our assembly this morning as we celebrated multiple examples of success. This week we have also had some of our staff celebrating their success in completing the Te Ahu o Te Reo Māori course they have been studying for this semester. Congratulations to Helen Parata and Emma Burgess on completing Level 4, Emma Lynn Level 2, and Talei Cordes, Lisa Handley, Courtney Ruske and Lauren McDonnell Level 1. This study requires a significant amount of teachers out of school time, and for Helen, Emma B and Emma L this is the second course they have completed this year. We are extremely fortunate to have staff here who are focussed on upskilling their own levels of te reo Māori, so that we as a school can play our part in ensuring that Māori language is valued and sustained as a living language in Aotearoa.

### **Staffing Changes**

The Board of Trustees has regrettably accepted resignations from two of our staff.

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**Mark Your  
Calendar**

### **NOVEMBER**

- 29th Children's University Graduation
- 30th Canterbury Athletics

### **DECEMBER**

- 5-7 Y8 Adventure Week
- 5th Parent Helpers Thank You
- 7th Y8 Formal Dinner, 6-9pm
- 8th Mash Tough Kids
- 8th Board of Trustees Meeting
- 12th Showcase Assembly, 1.30pm
- 13th Rumbustification Day
- 14th Book Character Dress-up Day
- 14th Leavers Final Assembly, 6pm
- 15th 12.15pm School Finishes



***From The Principal continued ...***

Ali Huddy has been a teacher aide for more years than she cares to let on and is retiring at the end of the year. Ali started working at Central New Brighton School in 2015 and transferred to Rāwhiti when we opened in 2015. During that time she has supported thousands of children, working tirelessly to build connections with the most challenging of learners. We have loved having Ali on our team and will miss her warmth and humour - and we know she will miss this place too.

Issie Campbell will also be leaving us at the end of the year to take up a new position at Aidanfield Christian College. Issie has certainly made an impact in her two years with us and her musical talents will certainly be missed. Watching Issie take over 100 junior children for a singing session is pure joy. While we are sad to see her go, we understand the attraction of working much closer to home.

We also have some fixed term staff whose contracts are due to end:

- Renee Balcazar is taking up a position at New Brighton Catholic School, having done five terms of maternity leave cover in Papatūānuku.
- Sophie Johns has won a permanent position at Waitākiri School, after two terms in Rongo-mā-tāne.
- Libbee Jackson is also leaving Rongo-mā-tāne and preparing to welcome her third child in the new year.

We are so grateful to these three talented young teachers for all they have done for our learners across this very disrupted year, and we wish them all the very best as they move on to the next stage of their careers.

In the next newsletter we will share with you all the 2023 teaching teams and introduce the newly appointed staff.

**Thank you for your support**

We would like to thank you all very much for your support yesterday in collecting your children at lunch time so that the teachers could attend their union meeting at Redwood School. These meetings are currently happening across the city as teachers prepare to engage with the Ministry of Education about their pay and working conditions. While I absolutely agree that everybody could do with a little more in their pay packet, I think that what teachers really need is a reduction in the amount of administration that the system currently requires to do. The demands of compliance have pushed so many New Zealand teachers into a role where all they do is put material in front of students and then assess that material when the child is done with it. Over the past ten years the system has forced teachers to treat administration as their core business.

This is not what we want the teachers who choose to work at Rāwhiti to be doing. We don't want our learning studios to be assembly-line factories like some other schools - places where students turn up in the morning, are housed for the day and have worksheets placed in front of them. We want our teachers to be creating extraordinary learning experiences for our children. Experiences that involve opening doorways so that children can enter a world of passion and excitement that engages them, and ensures they take responsibility for their own learning beyond the end of the school day. These things together are necessary to ensure that children are prepared to meet the demands of life in the 21st century.

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***From The Principal continued ...*****School Accounts**

With just three weeks of school remaining there is still \$21,000 of outstanding costs on school accounts for things like sport, touch, camps and trips, uniforms and the take home component of technology.

We appreciate your support in contributing towards your child's experiences at school. You can come in to the office to pay by cash or eftpos or you can make online payments into the school account which is 12-3240-0211804-01—put your child's name as a reference. If you want to view your account details, click on "Finance" in the Hero app. Contact Cheryl in the office via email on [exec@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:exec@rawhiti.school.nz) if you're not sure how to access your account information in Hero or if you would like to know if you owe anything.

**Final Assembly**

Final Assembly this year will be on Wednesday 14th December at 6.00pm. This special assembly is a whole school event at which we recognise a range of achievements, celebrate our year, and farewell our Year 8 students. It's a chance for everyone at Rāwhiti School to acknowledge our senior students and wrap up the year in a collaborative way. All children are expected to be part of this event so the assembly is scheduled for the early evening to allow families to attend. The usual running time is 1 hour.

**End of Year Events**

Here are some key dates for you to note in your diary.

- Tuesday 29th November: Children's University Graduation
- Monday 5th December: Helpers Drinks, 5pm
- Wednesday 7th December: Year 8 Formal Dinner
- Monday 12th December: Showcase Assembly 1.30pm
- Tuesday 13th December: Rāwhiti Rumbustification Day
- Wednesday 14th December: Book Character Dress Up Day  
Leavers Assembly 6pm
- Thursday 15th December: Poroporoaki 11am in each learning studio  
School finishes for the year at 12.15pm.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa,

***Principals Awards******Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki******Rongo-ma-tane***

Amelia x2, Aria, Asha, Autumn x2, Ava M x6, Bodhi x5, Dillon x2, Eli x2, Elijah x2, Eliza x4, Ernie, Flynn x4, Georgia B, Ida, Isla P x4, Jai x2, Jayden x2, Johanna x2, Katherine, Korbyn, Margaret x2, Mary-Grace, Quinn x5, Rocco, Shayla, Tilly T x2

***Papatūānuku***

Ailla, Aria, Azalea Rose, Brooke x2, Jackson, Joel, Koa x2, Macie x2, Mia H, Mia P x3, Nixon, Rory, Tilda

## Summer Learning Journey



### What is it?

The Summer Learning Journey was designed to try and combat the summer slump that happens to students learning over the summer break.

Two activities are posted a day and there is a choice between Kick Start and Step It Up. Students complete the activity and then blog their product or learning. Points are awarded for each activity completed, with bonus points awarded for commenting on other participants blogs. The winners get prizes.

[Click here](#) for the Google Site.

<https://sites.google.com/manaiakalani.org/summerlearningjourney/welcome>

### Why do we encourage students to participate in it?

The data shows that students who participate by completing three or more activities a week over the course of the summer don't summer slide.

## Summer Learning Journey continued ...

With the festive season just around the corner, Summer Reading is an important, enjoyable activity that students can do during the holidays to help avoid the 'Summer Slide' in reading achievements gained during the school year.

Our digital collection of eBooks is fun, portable, and can involve the whole family over the holidays.

*"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax all you need is a book!" – Dr. Seuss*

Students have access to borrow books 24/7. Visit <https://rawhitischool.wheelers.co/>

If you don't have your login email us [library@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:library@rawhiti.school.nz)



## Homestay Families Needed

Avonside Girls' High School and Shirley Boys' High School are currently recruiting homestay families for International Students arriving for the 2023 school year.

Both schools have a variety of different programmes ranging from:

- 1) Short term groups in Term One for 2-3 weeks. Double placement possible.
- 2) One term placement
- 3) One year placement
- 4) Students staying for more than one year

We are looking for welcoming and kind host families who are prepared to care for and parent the students as they would their own children. Homestay payment is \$290 per week. This includes 3 meals a day, unlimited Wi-Fi and laundry. Students must have their own room with a desk for study.

If you would like to host a girl for Avonside Girls' High School please reply to Lisa Garrett - [lgarrett@avonside.school.nz](mailto:lgarrett@avonside.school.nz)

If you are interested in hosting a boy for Shirley Boys' High School please reply to Leanne Russ - [lor@shirley.school.nz](mailto:lor@shirley.school.nz)

Many Thanks and Kind Regards  
AGHS & SBHS International Departments



## Success@Rāwhiti



Congratulations to the following staff who this week graduated Te Ahu o Te Reo Māori:

- Taumata 1 - Lisa, Lauren, Talei, Courtney
- Taumata 2 - Emma L
- Taumata 4 - Emma B, Helen P

Te Ahu o Te Reo Māori is a programme funded by Te Tāhuhu o Te Mātauranga (The Ministry of Education) to develop school staff competency in te reo Māori (specifically pronunciation and use of te reo Māori), tikanga Māori and improved understanding of local stories.

## Lost Property

Please contact the office if any of the following belong to you:



## Chromebook For Home Use (Y4-8 Optional)

If you are interested in purchasing a Chromebook for your child, all information can be found on our website under [About Us/Our Learning](#) or you can collect a handout with all the information from the school office.

Chromebook Flyer - [Click here.](#)

Chromebook Purchase Process - [Click here.](#)

Why Schools Manage Chromebooks - [Click here.](#)

2022/2023

Uru Mānuka Education Trust  
271-1000  
Christchurch  
New Zealand

Purchase Bundle includes

	Amount
1. Acer C734 Chromebook	
2. 2 year manufacturer's warranty	
3. Bag - Target Education Work is Covered with 3 year manufacturer's warranty	
4. Your Chromebook comes with cover for the costs of repair and/or replacement of device, accidentally lost and damaged - associated to an Acer Service Care Programme. This is not an insurance product. It is an incident repair service offered with Acer Chromebooks devices for the New Zealand Education Trust.	
	<b>\$560.00 GST inc</b>

## Kia Manawaroa

Kia Manawaroa is the Ministry of Education's pānui for whānau Māori. It is written by Māori for Māori, with information about opportunities and milestones in education, Māori success as Māori, Te Reo Māori, and COVID-19 updates relevant to whānau as and when appropriate.

The latest issue is out now with updates about:

- Te Wiki o te Reo Māori dates
- New resource to support tamariki transition into kura
- Whānau wellbeing and support
- And so much more!

Read the latest issue of Kia Manawaroa: [Kia Manawaroa November 2022](#)

You can [subscribe to Kia Manawaroa](#) to get the latest copy straight to your inbox.

... And Also Mark This In Your Diary!



# BOOK DAY!

WE ARE HAVING A BOOK DAY ON  
WEDNESDAY 14TH OF DECEMBER.



COME TO SCHOOL AS  
YOUR FAVORITE BOOK  
CHARACTER

(AND REMEMBER, IT'S A BOOK  
CHARACTER NOT A MOVIE  
CHARACTER.)



WHAT'S YOUR  
FAVOURITE  
BOOK?



## Amplify Music Lessons

### WHAT IS AMPLIFY?

Amplify is a music programme from Youth Alive Trust that aims to provide young people the opportunity to experience & engage in music. Amplify offers a variety of programmes available to schools, agencies & members of the public such as:

- Instrument Tuition
- Band Rehearsals
- DJ School & Audio Technology Classes
- Instrument Hire & Rentals
- Workshops & Holiday Programmes

Whether they're a musician or just starting out, Amplify seeks the potential in young people to cultivate their musicianship, create positive memories, foster a love for music and to develop pathways for future careers in the music industry.

### WHO IS YOUTH ALIVE?

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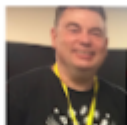
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Christchurch

### OUR TUTORS



**TRAVIS BRETT**  
Guitar, Bass & Drums



**PETER CAIRNS**  
Drums, Piano & Vocals



**TIM KING**  
Drums



**MADINA PITT**  
Piano



**JOSH HALL**  
Guitar



#### VAI PUNIVAL: AMPLIFY COORDINATOR

Multi-talented VAI, I have a passion for music and educating our young people. I graduated from Rāwhiti's Jazz school in 2019. I have worked as a music tutor, Youth Worker with 24/7 and as the music director at Grace Vineyard Church.



**RĀWHITI  
SCHOOL**



Monday to Friday  
of the school term  
From 9am - 3pm

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#### INSTRUMENT LESSONS

Amplify provides affordable music & instrument lessons for young people aged 5-18 years including: Vocals, Acoustic & Electric Guitar, Bass, Piano, and DJing!

- Weekly / Fortnightly lessons
- Individual or Group lessons
- Beginner or Advanced levels

#### WHEN & WHERE

Music lessons available in the Rāwhiti School music room from 9AM - 3PM, Monday - Friday.

We also offer after-school music lessons from 3pm - 6pm, Monday - Friday at Youth Alive Trust, 111 Seaview Road, New Brighton.

#### COST

No. of Students	20min Lessons	Half-hour Lessons
Group of 1	\$22.50	\$28
Group of 2	\$18	\$23

#### ROCK BAND

Rock Band is an In-School & After-School programme that allows talented music students the opportunity to take their musicianship to the next level by rehearsing & performing in a band.

- Weekly 1 hour band rehearsals
- Rewarding lifelong experience
- Performances & Recording

#### REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to be enrolled into Amplify School of Music, are already receiving music tuition & have an established skill level before joining.

#### WHEN & WHERE

Available Monday - Friday, rehearsals can be arranged at Rāwhiti school from 9am - 3pm or After-school between the hours 5pm - 7pm.

#### COST

Prices start at \$8 Per Week or Per Rehearsal. Alternatively a price can be arranged by your school.

#### INSTRUMENT HIRE

Amplify Instruments are available for hire each school term!

Keyboard	\$75
Guitar	\$50
Bass	\$50
Amps	\$40
Drumkit	\$75

#### SCHOOLS & AGENCIES

Amplify can offer Schools & Agencies a range of music services & workshops as one-offs or ongoing such as:

- Weekly Instrument lessons
- DJ School & Audio Technology classes
- Rock Band Rehearsals
- Music Workshops & "Have-a-go" lessons

Prices to be negotiated depending on the services provided starting at \$50+GST per hour, per tutor.

#### REGISTRATION & ENROLMENTS

Full details and enrolments available online:

[www.amplify.mymusicstaff.com](http://www.amplify.mymusicstaff.com)

General enquires to: [amplify@yat.org.nz](mailto:amplify@yat.org.nz)



## Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hāpori

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### IYENGAR YOGA FOUNDATION COURSE

8 Week Foundation Course

Tuesday

starting on 1 February 2023

1pm to 2pm

With Kate at Christchurch East Yoga

38 Bowhill Road, New Brighton

0274 750 090 [www.chchyoga.squarespace.com](http://www.chchyoga.squarespace.com)



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Contact Kate on 027 570 1006 or email [kmdeans96@live.com](mailto:kmdeans96@live.com) for bookings or enquiries.



Newstalk  
ZB

## Be in to win!

The opportunity to professionally record a Christmas song with Nathan King

### The grand prize

Professionally record a Christmas song with Nathan King, return flights to Auckland for two (if you live outside of Auckland), hotel accommodation for one night and a studio tour.

### To enter

Must be under 13 years old. Email yourself singing a Christmas carol to [christmas@newstalkzb.co.nz](mailto:christmas@newstalkzb.co.nz) before entries close 12 December.

Listen to Newstalk ZB on Christmas morning at 6am to find out if you've won!

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The Sky Sport New Zealand Breakers are coming back to Christchurch to play games on :

- Thursday 1 December vs South East Melbourne Phoenix
- Thursday 12 January vs Melbourne United.

The Breakers have made a strong start to the NBL season sitting at the top of the ladder and don't look to be slowing down anytime soon! Both games will be played at Christchurch Arena and will be a great atmosphere for all.

Tickets are on sale now and are as low as \$15! Buy yours now from the ticketek website or from this link: <https://premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/show.aspx?sh=BREAKERS23>

## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday 26th November  
Doors open 5.45pm  
Bring your own dinner  
Movie starts at 6.30pm  
Snacks and Drinks available for purchase  
@180 Queenspark Drive





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**Brighton Up**  
**THE BEACH**  
**FOR Santa**

Help Brighton up our beaches in time for Christmas.  
Slip, slop, slap & come along to the community **beach clean-up event!**

**WHEN:** 10:00AM SATURDAY, 3RD OF DECEMBER  
**WHERE:** MEET AT NEW BRIGHTON SURF LIFESAVING CLUB CAR PARK WHERE THE COLLECTION TRAILER WILL BE PARKED.

**Spot prizes will be given out!**  
Gloves and bags will be provided.

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### OUR PROGRAMMES

1. Weekly Clubs
2. School Youth Workers
3. Holiday Programmes, OSCAR and Breakaway
4. Camps
5. Counselling and Mentoring
6. Mana Ake
7. Community Events
8. Parenting and Pre-school Programmes
9. Amplify School of Music
10. Volunteer Training and Support



## INTERMEDIATES BREAKAWAY DEC 2022



SCHOOL YEARS 7-8

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### 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 Kahui Kahui 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 Oranga Tamariki 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.

### MONDAY

19th Dec 8:30AM - 4:30PM  
**Sailing Experience**  
**Diamond Harbour**

More Details at:  
[www.cansail.co.nz](http://www.cansail.co.nz)

### TUESDAY

20th Dec 8:30AM - 4:30PM  
**Team Challenge**

### WEDNESDAY

21st Dec 8:30AM - 4:30PM  
**Woodend Camp**  
**Archery. Riffle Shooting**  
**Water Slide. Aero Jump**

You need to book and attend all 3 days as this is a funded programme!

Remember to bring sunblock, a hat, lunch and water bottle everyday!

### CONNECT WITH US

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REGISTER

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