



Newsletter #17 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 28th October 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 school and to the final term of the year. This is usually a very busy term, even though we are conscious about loading too many activities and events. Please make sure you keep note of important dates coming up so that you don't miss out on anything that is scheduled to happen in the remaining 32.5 days of Term 4!



It was a very exciting start to the term for the 44 children who moved into their new learning space, Aotahi. Lisa and Courtney have their kaiawhina groups nicely settled into their new 'home'.

Now that we have this additional space numbers in both Rongomā-tāne and Papatūānuku have been reduced, and we have now turned our attention to how best to organise our junior classes for 2023.

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## Mark Your Calendar

31Oct—2Nov Y5 Camp, Glentui

### NOVEMBER

2-4Nov Y6 Camp, Glentui

2nd PTA Meeting 7.30pm

3rd Board of Trustees Meeting

8th Zones Athletics

11th SCHOOL CLOSED—Show  
Day

15th Parents Night Seminar

17th Ata Hapara Whanau Hui

25th Whole School Assembly

29th Children's University  
Graduation

30th Canterbury Athletics

### DECEMBER

7th Y8 Formal Dinner 6-9pm

8th Board of Trustees Meeting

12th Showcase Assembly,  
1.30pm

13th Rumbustification Day

14th Book Character Dress-up  
Day

14th Leavers Assembly, 6pm

15th 12.15pm School Finishes



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

Last week I took a couple of days out to join a group of our Year 7 & 8 students on their overnight tramp to Lake Daniell. This was part of the William Pike Challenge that our seniors can get involved in, and a great opportunity for these young people to put themselves outside of their comfort zone - no wifi and composting toilets - and see a part of New Zealand that will be unfamiliar to many.

Thank you to our amazing PTA for their initiative in arranging parent helpers for the Year 4-8 athletics sports this week. After the restrictions of the past three 'covid years' it is wonderful to have parents back in school supporting both students and teachers.

That said, we are watching nervously to see what is happening with the latest surge in Covid cases linked to the new BQ11 variant. This is now our reality as new variants emerge, and means the school may be required to quickly implement measures to cope—measures we are used to from previous experience. In the meantime these are the measures we need your help with:

- keep sick children at home. They may return 48 hours after no symptoms
- if your child tests positive with COVID please inform us and keep them isolated for 7 days.

Sadly, we experienced some mindless vandalism at school over the long weekend with two of our largest shade sails being slashed beyond repair, and the slack line outside Tāwhirimatea being cut. Fortunately, we have security cameras covering most of our grounds and we have been able to identify those responsible and report their behaviour to the police. Any member of the community wilfully damaging school property outside of school hours will be formally trespassed from our grounds. We have invested so much in creating a beautiful environment for our whole community to enjoy and can not let thoughtless actions go unaddressed.



### **Lucky Us**

The name Vinnie Bennett might ring a bell with some of you. He's a Christchurch born actor who starred in the recent movie Whina and was in Fast & Furious 9. He also happens to be the grandson of Kathy (Tāne Mahuta teacher). This week he (and Tim Dennis) won a PlayStation Celebrity E-sports Basketball Tournament playing 8 other celebrities and they won all 4 of their games. They decided to split the prize money and donate it to a school they have a connection with and Vinnie kindly asked for his \$2,500 share to be donated to Rāwhiti School!

We are very grateful to Vinnie, the event organisers and PlayStation for their generosity and will start planning how best to use this windfall.

### **Hats for Term 4**

Our Sun Smart policy requires all children to wear a Rāwhiti School sunhat in Terms 1 and 4. We have been giving children plenty of reminders over these last two weeks, and any children not wearing Rāwhiti hats will be required to sit under the covered area in front of the learning studios during break times. If you still need to buy a hat for your child they are \$12.50 and can be purchased from the school office. Please make sure your child's sunhat is named—the ladies in the office can help with this.

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***From The Principal continued ...*****Learning Studio Placements for 2023**

Planning is well underway for 2023. Although staffing has not yet been finalised we are now looking at the studio placements for next year. The link below is an opportunity for parents who wish to provide us with any information you think is relevant for us to consider as we make decisions about classes for 2023. This may be related to friendships or siblings. This is not about 'choosing a teacher', rather letting us know of any mitigating factors that may support your child in having a successful year.

Only fill out this form if you have important information that you wish us to take into consideration while making the class placement decision OR you would like to notify us that your child will not be attending Rāwhiti School in 2023.

**[CLICK HERE for Placement Info for 2023](#)**

The deadline for registering your thoughts is Thursday, November 17th.

**Board of Trustees**

Our newly elected Board of Trustees gets underway with its first meeting next week. Congratulations to Cheryl Lineham, Jess Poff, Tim Scott and Briar Thompson on being re-elected for another term, and to Jody Hohaia O'Sullivan who is joining the board as a first time trustee. Helen Hogarth continues in her role as Staff Representative. It is an exciting time to be involved as a trustee as we move into another building project and a national curriculum refresh.

I would like to acknowledge Jess Riddell for her contribution to the board during her time as a trustee, and also Thomas Parata for his many years of service to Rāwhiti School as an elected parent representative.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

**Liz Weir**  
**Principal**

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

T3 Wk10: Ava M, Avalon x2, Cherish x3, Ernie x2, Frank, Georgia B, Isla x5, Ivar, Jai x3, Jayden, Kaia x2, Korbyn x2, Manaia, Marama, Margaret x2, Masyn x2, Rad, Rico, Rosalie, Shayla, Tilly T, William, Zane.

T4: Asha x3, Bailey x3, Charlotte, Cherish x4, Crüe, Eliza, Frank, Georgia B, Jai x4, Kingston, Levi, Rocco, Ruby x3, Spencer

**SchoolApps Finishing**

As you will have seen via a Hero notification recently, you can now send us an absence via the Hero app, so messaging us via the SchoolApps will no longer be an option. Our subscription is due to finish next week.



## Ukuleles

We have been lucky to receive 12 new ukuleles through Ukes in Schools. These ukuleles have been donated by Kala Brand Music and Lyn McAllister Music Ltd.



## 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 October 2022](#)

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



## 2022 Children's University

This year we have 50 students who are part of the Children's University programme run by Lincoln and Canterbury Universities. Students earn hours by completing activities or visiting Learning destinations around the city.

This year all 50 of our students have earned enough hours to graduate - a total of 3936 hours earned this year on out-of-school learning! At the end of November, these students will be part of a graduation ceremony at the Town Hall.

## Book Character Dress-Up day

At the end of this term, we will be having a book character dress-up day to celebrate our Communication theme. This will be on Wednesday 14th December, more details will come closer to the date.



## 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.](#)

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Uru Mānuka Education Trust  
171 Upper Wairoa Road  
Hawke Bay  
Christchurch  
New Zealand

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Purchase Bundle includes

	Amount
1. Acer C730 Chromebook	\$550.00 GST Inc.
2. 2 year manufacturer's warranty	
3. Bag - Tropic Education Works in Christchurch 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 - included by an Acer Device Care Programme. This is not an insurance product. It is an incident repair service offered with Acer Chromebooks devices for the Manawatu Education Trust.	

**Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori**

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**OPEN DAY**  
 NEW BRIGHTON COMMUNITY GARDENS  
**29 October**  
 12 - 3pm  
 (Cash Only)  
 2000 + Seedlings  
 24! Types of Tomatoes  
 BBQ/Pizza  
 Op-Shopping  
 Devonshire Tea  
 Face/Rock Painting  
 and more!  
**Fun for the whole family**  
 136 Shaw Ave / Rawhiti Domain



FUN AND SAFE ALTERNATIVE TO TRICK OR TREATING!  
**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**  
 5.00PM - 7.30PM  
**31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER**  
 GRACE VINEYARD CHURCH, BEACH CAMPUS  
 111 SEAVIEW ROAD, NEW BRIGHTON  
 ENTERTAINMENT  
 BBQ  
 CARNIVAL GAMES  
 CRAFTS  
 GAMING  
**GOLD COIN ENTRY**  
 CAFE AND BQ AVAILABLE, FOOD ON SELL EXTRA  
 THANKS OF WELCOME, PLEASE NO SPUNKY COSTUMES  
 SUPPORTED BY:  
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**101 Free Things to Do in Greater New Brighton**

Did you find the map sent home at the end of last term? If not, you can pick one up from the Library, a local Community Centre or view it online at: <https://newbrightononline.nz/101-free-things-to-do.html>

Share your photos and experiences on the [101 Free Things to Do in Greater New Brighton Facebook Page](#).

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HOME Christchurch are celebrating in style down at the North Beach Coffee Shed this Halloween!

Get your crew together and dress up in your scariest outfits to enjoy the festivities.

We will have:

4 x Lolly Scrambles (4pm, 4.45pm, 5.30pm & 6.15pm)

FREE Photo-booth, on us!

Decorations & North Beach Coffee Shed will also have lolly bags for Trick or Treaters!

We will be kicking off from 3:30pm and will be sticking around North Beach until 6:30pm.

We look forward to seeing you down there.



## **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

**Saturday 29th October**

**Doors open 5.45pm**

**Bring your own dinner**

**Movie starts at 6.30pm**

**Snacks and Drinks available for purchase**

**@180 Queenspark Drive**