



Newsletter #20 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 9th December 2022

E ara ake ana i te ūruhi
Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou,

What a year we have had!

It's hard to remember that we began the year in 'Orange' and now here we are ending it with no traffic light system at all, and back at pre-pandemic full throttle.

Last Tuesday I joined dozens of proud Rāwhiti parents and whānau at the Town Hall for the Children's University graduation. Of all the schools represented on the night, Rāwhiti had by far the largest number of graduates, who had amassed a staggering number of learning hours outside of school across the year. We would like to thank all of you who encouraged your children to not only take part in this awesome opportunity, but to see it through to the end. Special thanks has to go to Helen Parata, our in-school coordinator, who goes above and beyond to ensure that everyone meets their targets.



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**Mark Your
Calendar**

DECEMBER 2022

- 12th Showcase Assembly, 1.30pm
- 13th Rumbustification Day
- 14th Book Character Dress-up Day
- 14th Leavers Final Assembly, 6pm
- 15th 12.15pm School Finishes

JANUARY 2023

- 30th Goal Setting Day
- 31st First day of instruction
Mihi whakatau 9.15am

FEBRUARY

- 6th School Closed—Waitangi
Day Observed



From The Principal continued ...

On Tuesday night we hosted the annual Formal for our Year 8 leavers. The evening started with a sit down dinner in our library - which had been transformed for the occasion - and ended with dancing, karaoke, and tears!

This week our Year 7 & 8 students had their outdoor activities week, and Year 4-6 children took part in the MASH Tough Kids challenge - which was great fun, by all accounts.

There is still plenty happening here at school before we finish up next Thursday - so here is a final rundown of next week for you.

- Monday Dec 12th Showcase Assembly for Rāwhiti Students
- **2023 Information envelopes coming home including studio placements, stationery lists etc**
- Tuesday Dec 13th Rāwhiti Rumbustification Day (at school)
- Wednesday Dec 14th Book Dress Up Day
Leavers' Assembly 6pm - all children expected to attend
- Thursday Dec 16th: Poroporoaki in each Learning Studio—**School finishes at 12.15**

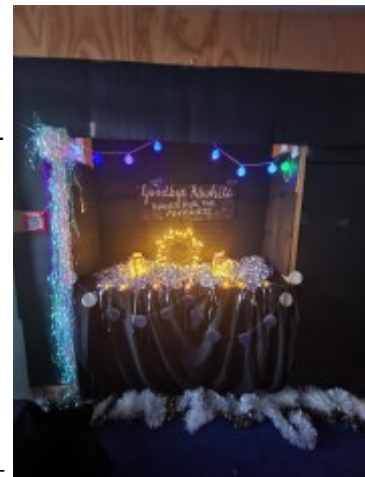
Please do bring your children to the Leavers Assembly on Tuesday at 6pm. This special assembly is a whole school event at which we recognise a range of achievements, celebrate our year, and farewell our Year 8 students. It's a chance for everyone at Rāwhiti School to acknowledge our senior students and wrap up the year in a collaborative way. The usual running time is 1 hour.

Staff Update

In the last newsletter we shared information about staff who will be leaving us at the end of this year. One final change to announce is that the Board has granted Nicole Cunningham, Team Leader in Rongomātāne, leave for the 2023 school year.

We welcome the following new teachers in 2023:

- Sophie Bruinsma is joining us from Perth, Australia, where has has been teaching for the past five years;
- Amy Hurst comes to after a year teaching at Parkview School; and
- Maggie Nicholson will be starting her teaching career here at Rāwhiti in 2023. Maggie will be known to some of you from her work with the after school programme in New Brighton.



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From The Principal continued ...

2023 Teaching Teams—The teaching teams for 2023 have been finalised:

Tangaroa—Year 7-8

Nogo Sipeli (Team Leader), Sharon Thompson, Andrew Redmond and Talei Cordes

Tāwhirimātea—Year 4-6

Urmi Shah (Team Leader), Nigel Stewart and Rachel Beaumont

Tāne Mahuta—Year 4-6:

Eugene Beconsall (Team Leader), Kathy Lumley, Fi Glasgow and Sharon Robertson

Haumia-tiketike— Year 1-8:

Jasmine Stirling (Team Leader), Racheal Cooper, Travis Cooper and Koha Mason

With the addition of the new Aotahi classroom we are able to restructure the junior area of the school to allow for more considered placement of children. Helen Hogarth will be the Team Leader for the junior school while Nicole Cunningham is on leave.

Papatūānuku— Year 1-3: Courtney Ruske, Emma Burgess and Amy Hurst

Rongo-mā-tāne— Year 1-3: Lisa Handley, Sophie Bruinsma and Maggie Nicholson.

Aotahi NE-Yr 1: Helen Hogarth and Brogan O'Neil/Louise Wynn (sharing)

And Finally.....

As this is the last newsletter for the year I want to take the opportunity to thank all those who have supported our school throughout this most difficult of years. In particular I would like to thank our Board of Trustees whose work is often unnoticed but nevertheless is extremely important, especially dealing with all the new regulations for schools. Thank you also to our PTA whose good work has been limited this year but what they have achieved has been important to us and our tamariki. Thank you to those parents and caregivers that have been able to support us in some other way during this tricky year.



I need to give a gold star to our Rāwhiti staff this year for their professionalism, for caring about ākongā and their families and whānau, and for their seemingly unlimited energy - even when half the school was away sick! Much is expected from our staff and, as always, much has been delivered. I am immensely proud of the role played by Rāwhiti staff in extraordinary circumstances this year.



Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday.

Noho ora mai,

Liz Weir, Principal

Principals Awards

Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki



Rongo-ma-tane

Amelia, Aria, Asha, Autumn, Ava M x3, Ayla, Caitlyn x4, Cherish x3, Chevonne x2, Crüe, Dillon, Eliza, Felix x2, Frank, Georgia B x2, Gerogia G, Ida x7, Ivar, Iyla x2, Jacques, Jai, Jasmine x3, Johanna, Korbyn, Levi x9, Lewis, Maddy, Marama, Margaret x5, Mason P x3, Mateo, Micah x2, Ollie, Parker, Quinn x2, Rocco x3, Seth, Tilly T, Travis, William

The Rock Surfing

Once a week for the last six weeks a small group from Tangaroa have been surfing at North New Brighton with Tim and the team from "The Rock". It was so fantastic to see their levels of confidence grow as they learnt to stand up on their boards and also have the confidence to tackle challenging surf conditions, deep channels and southerly rips. We certainly saw one of our RISE values (resilience) being exercised as the children got knocked off by the waves over and over and they kept getting back up until they achieved success.



This wonderful opportunity was funded by local business owners James and Kathy from Frame'n'copy (Bowhill Road). Huge thanks to them for their support of our tamariki at Rāwhiti School.



Success@Rawhiti

Congratulations to Leon P who won the Minecraft day 4 challenge which was to design and make an ice-skating rink.



Children's University



Congratulations to the following students who graduated from the Children's University. A total of 3936 hours of out-of-school learning across the year.

- Bronze Award (30 hrs) - Evie, Charlie B, Hugo, Will, Emilie, Stella, Archie, Mihiata, Joel Silver
- Award (65 hrs) - Tygah-Leah, Amber, Bailey C, Charlotte C, Travis C, Addison, Oskar, Angus, Samara, Jazmin, Leon, Caleb S, Kaiden, Eliza
- Gold Award (100 hrs) - Benji, Emma, Travis M, Everley, Jasper, Millah, Maeve, Zara
- Bronze Certificate (130 hrs) - Jessica A, Breanna
- Silver Certificate (165 hrs) - Anika, Jayde, James P
- Gold Certificate (200 hrs) - Isla, Brooke
- Bronze Diploma (230 hrs) - Jennifer, Teri, Jakob, Jessica P, Taylor P, Lexie
- Silver Diploma (265 hrs) - Emily, Aaliyah C
- Gold Diploma (300 hrs) - Dylan, Charli
- Gold Degree (400 hrs) - Connor B
- Silver Postgraduate Masters Degree (765 hrs) - Heath

More Success@Rawhiti ...

Congratulations to all of the Rāwhiti Students listed below who made it to the Canterbury Athletics Competition on Wednesday 30th of November. Just to make it to Canterbury is a huge achievement in itself and these students should be very proud of their efforts. Below are the final results from the day, we had some outstanding performances from Rāwhiti students. Huge congratulations to Archer P who placed 4th in the year 5 boys' long jump.

Girls

Year 5 Girls 60m Sprint, Placed 23 Maeve, time 10.00
Year 6 Girls 80m Sprint, Placed 33 Jessica A, time 13.49
Year 6 Girls Shot put, Placed 11 Nevaeh B, distance 7.67m
Year 6 Girls Discus, Placed 7 Nevaeh B, distance, 17.92m
Year 6 Girls Discus, Placed 27 Anika Matthews Rawhiti School distance 11.78m
Year 7 Girls 1200m, Placed 30 Emily, time, 5:06.07
Year 7 Girls Long jump, Placed 25 Emily, distance, 3.82m
Year 7 Girls High Jump, Placed 20 Taylor, height, 1.15m
Year 8 Girls Long jump, Placed 21 Jade distance, 3.82m

Boys

Year 5 Boys 80m sprint, placed 15 Archer time, 12.41
Year 5 Boys Long Jump, placed 4 Archer distance, 4.17m
Year 6 Boys Discus placed, 24 Noah B distance, 17.40m
Year 7 Boys Long jump, placed 15 Tyson distance, 4.04m
Year 7 Boys Shot put, placed 9 Tyson distance 8.10m
Year 7 Boys Discus, Placed 9 Tyson distance 23.95m
Year 8 Boys 100, Placed 24 Jatin time 13.99
Year 8 Boys Long Jump, placed 32 Jatin distance 4.21m
Year 8 Boys Discus, placed 12 Nate distance 22.96m



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.

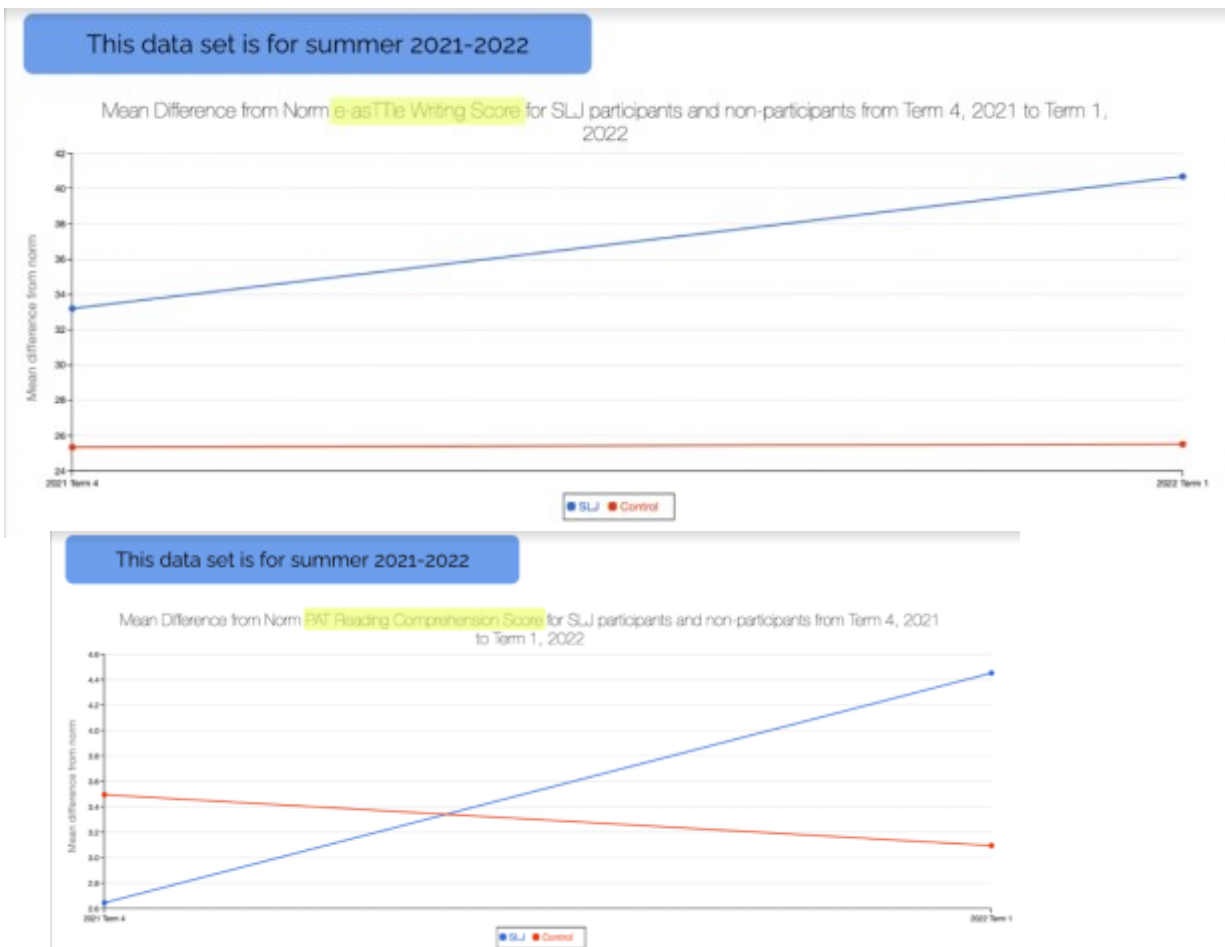
Two activities are posted a day and there is a choice between Kick Start and Step It Up. Students complete the activity and then blog their product or learning. Points are awarded for each activity completed, with bonus points awarded for commenting on other participants blogs. The winners get prizes.

[Click here](https://sites.google.com/manaiakalani.org/summerlearningjourney/welcome) for the Google Site.

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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



Summer Learning Journey 2022-2023

12th December - 20th January
Celebrating Summer 🌞 Whakanuia Te Raumati

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Register online from 28th November
slj.manaiakalani.org

New activities everyday to
Learn Create and Share
on your blog.
+Earn points for prizes!



Swing through Summer Reading

Enjoy books at your fingertips 24/7

Have You Got Your Costume Ready??



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?



Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori

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This Summer we will be running our Rams & Pouākai Camps once again. These camps will be run by Rams/ Pouākai players and staff with a huge focus on developing fundamentals, building team and individual skill work as well as having fun! We will also be running our Rams and Pouākai Schools in Term 1 which involve a six week programme for both junior and high school kids! Please see registration links below to register now!

**Rams Junior Camp**

Ages: 9-13 year olds

Dates: 1 day camps: Thursday 12th January, Friday 27th January

2 day camp: Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th January

Rams Senior camp

Ages: 13-18 years

Dates: Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th, Friday 20th January from 1:00pm-4:00pm

Rams School:**Session 1 Mondays**

Time: 4:00pm – 4:50pm for ages 9-13 year olds

5:00pm-5:50pm for ages 13-18 year olds

Venue: Wharenuī Recreation Centre

Session 2 Tuesdays

Time: 4:00pm – 4:50pm for ages 9-13 year olds

5:00pm-5:50pm for ages 13-18 year olds

Venue: Wharenuī Recreation Centre

Session 3 Fridays

Time: 4:00pm – 4:50pm for ages 9-13 year olds

5:00pm-5:50pm for ages 13-18 year olds

Venue: Cowles Stadium

Please see registration link for times and cost

Registration link: <https://canterburyrams.basketball/events/>

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Imagination Station is a LEGO-based play and education provider in Christchurch and in January 2023 we are running some LEGO-based classes at New Brighton Library.

Since your school is close by, we wondered if there would be room in your next newsletter to include a bit of information about our classes in case they are of interest to your students and parents. We have a whole day of holiday classes at New Brighton Library on Thursday 26th of January 2023.

Some info about our activities:



We will be running holiday classes on Thursday 26th of January 2023 at New Brighton Library. This is a great opportunity to come along and learn with some of the amazing technology we use in our classes. These classes include robotics with LEGO SPIKE, mechanical building with LEGO Technic and LEGO remote controlled race cars.

If you're interested, find more information and reserve your space at imagination-station.org.nz or give us a call on 027 438 2106.